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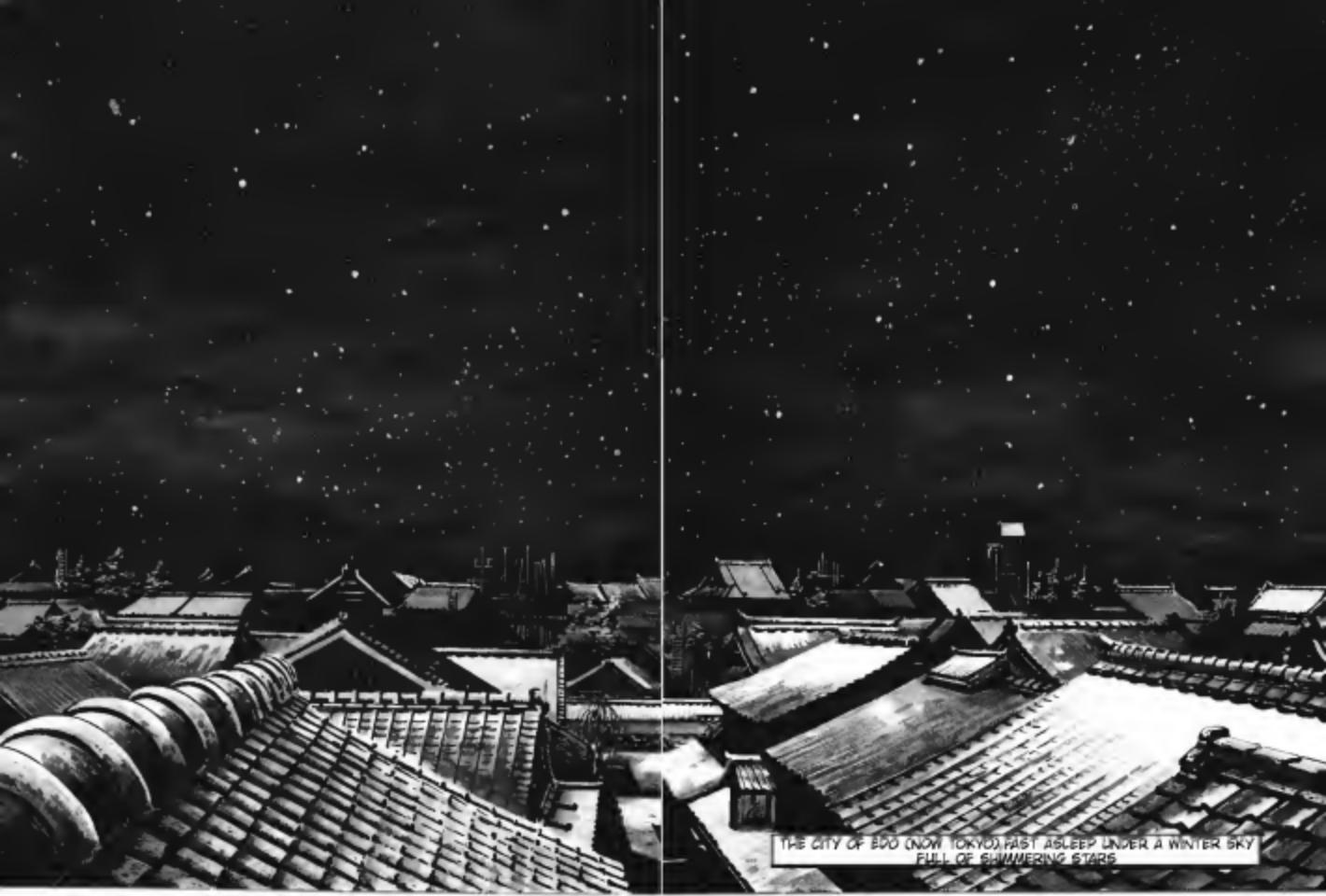
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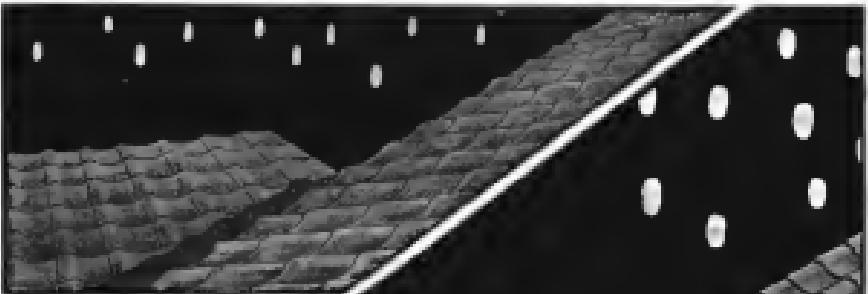
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Only Three Inches of the Sword Blade





THE CITY OF EDO (NOW TOKYO) FAST ASLEEP UNDER A WINTER SKY
FULL OF SHIMMERING STARS



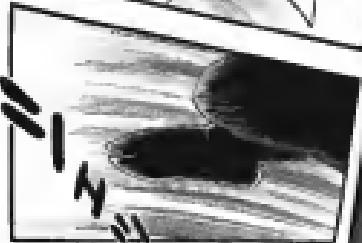


TOO MUCH NOISE
FOR A PETTY
JOB LIKE THIS,
YOU PLUNK!

WHAT?

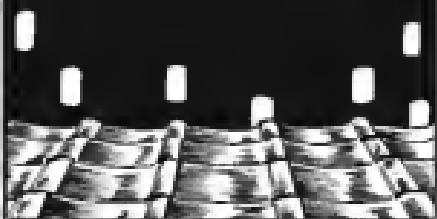
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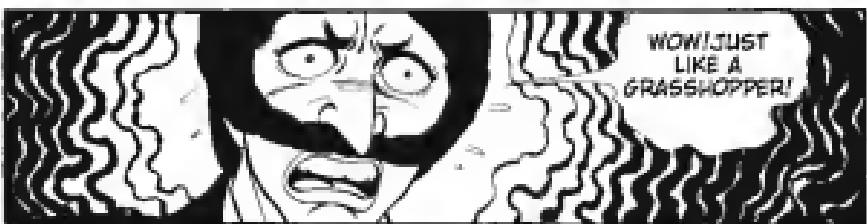
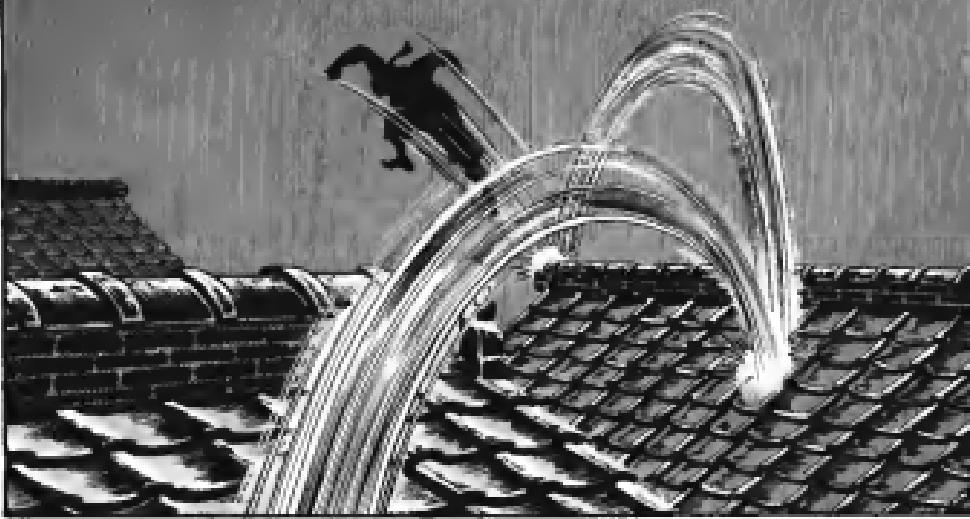


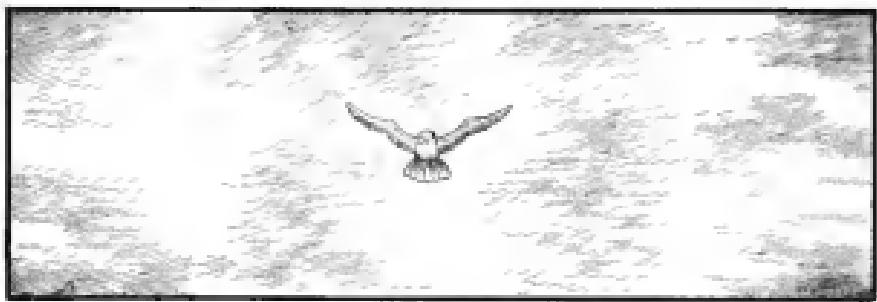
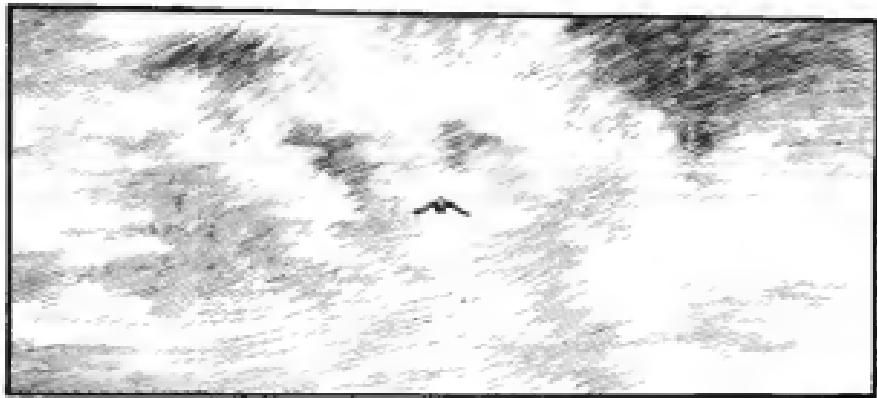




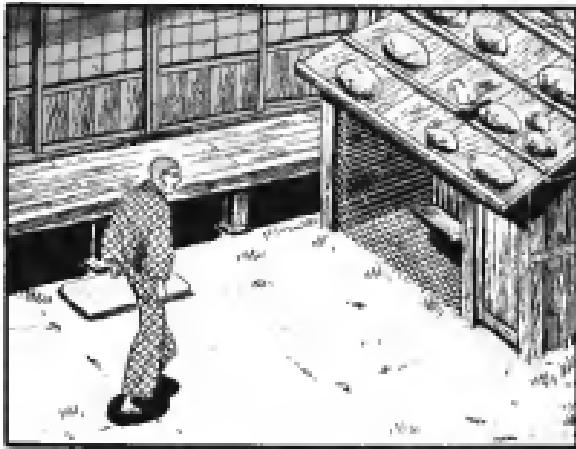
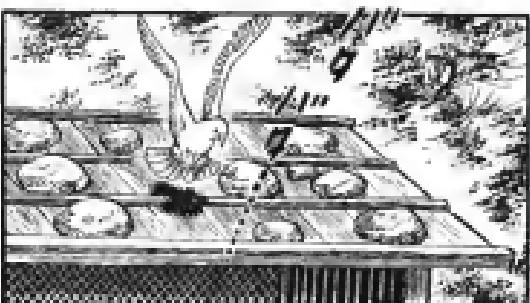
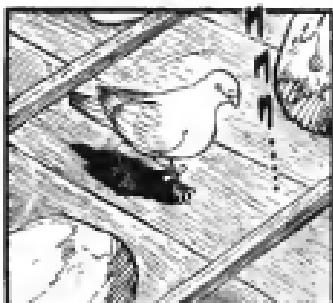


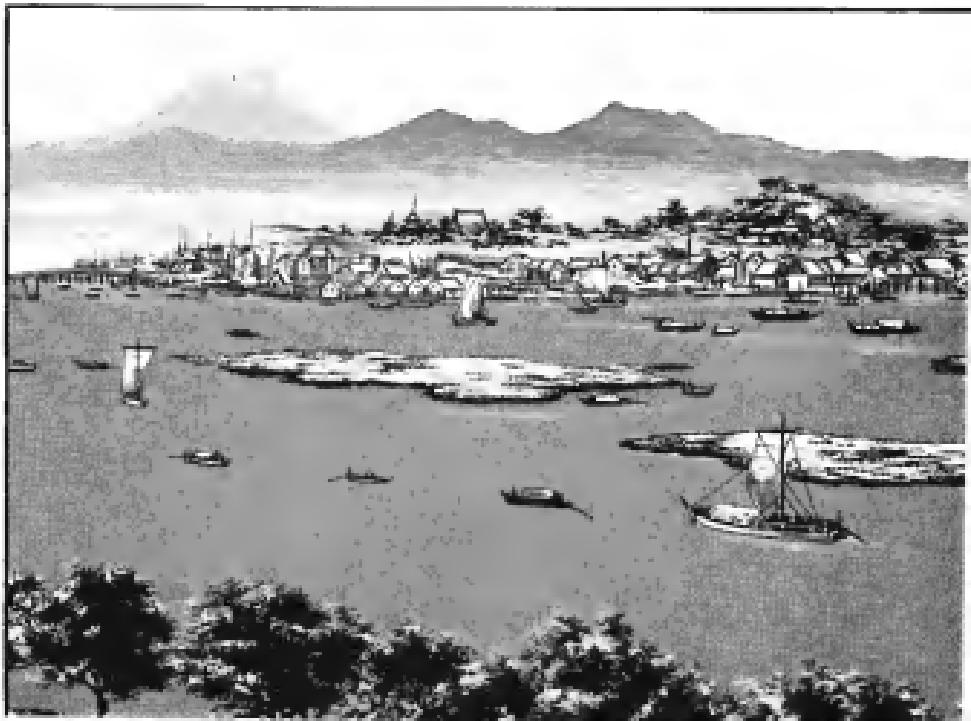


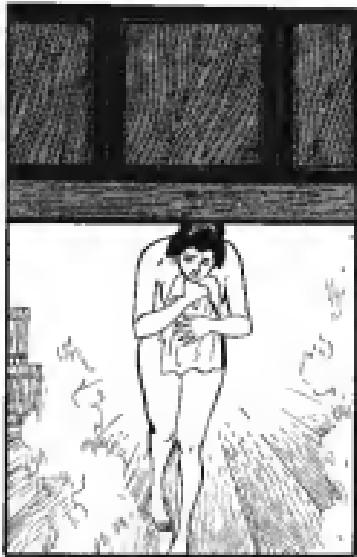
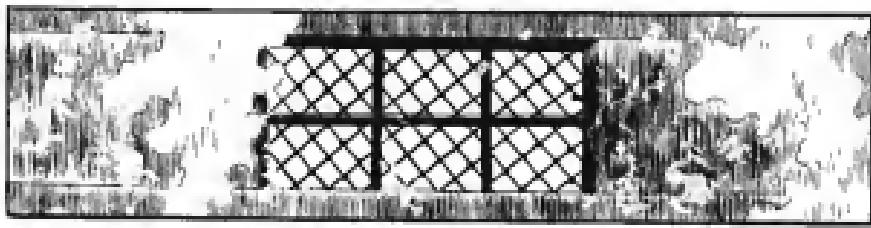






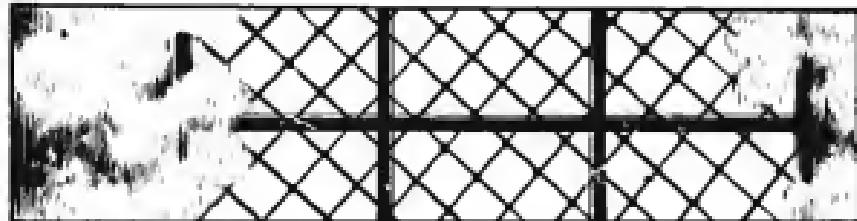














YOU MUST BE DEAF
IF YOU HAVEN'T
HEARD THE NAME.
THE WINNER OF LAST
MONTH'S SWORDFIGHT
TOURNAMENT
SPONSORED BY THE
LORD, THE DAIMYO
CHIEF OF THE FIEFDOM.

DID YOU
EVER HEAR
OF CHOOBEE
KAJIMA?

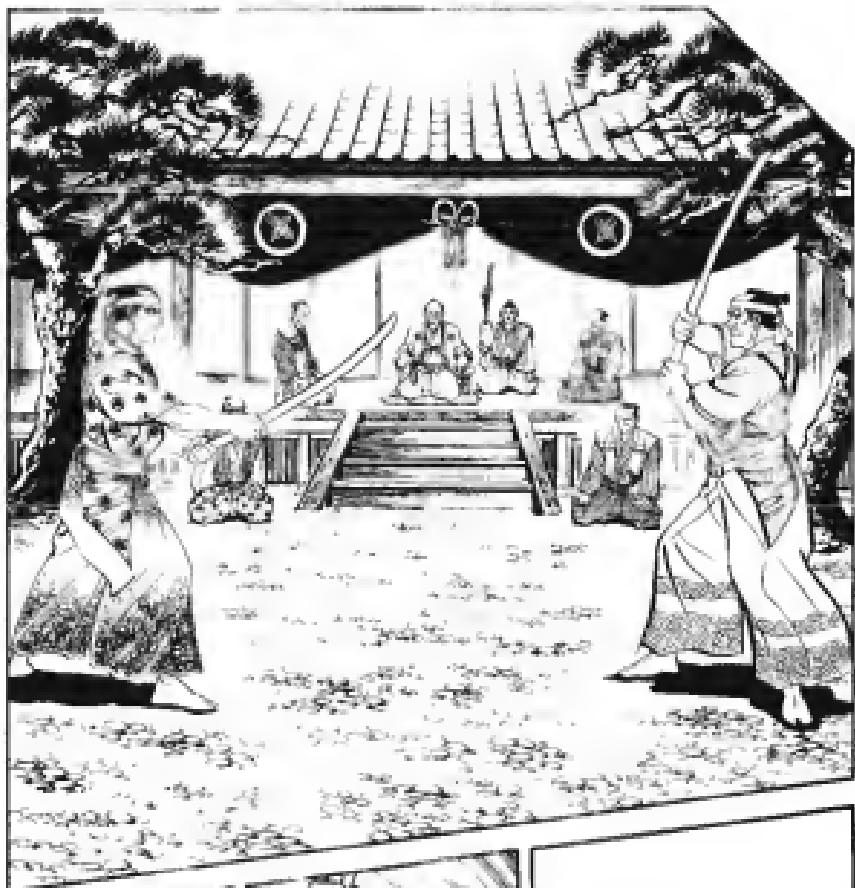
I MEAN,
DON'T YOU
KNOW,
AAANG...

YES, THAT'S
THE VERY
SWORD I
WANT YOU TO
STEAL...

IN
APPRECIATION
OF KAJIMA'S
PERFORMANCE,
THE SHOGUN
PERSONALLY
AWARD HIM
A TREASURE
SWORD RIGHT?



WHAT AN
OUT-
RAGEOUS
REQUEST!









THE SHOGUNATE
THUS SIPHONS
REVENUES OFF
THE FIEFDOM
COFFERS.

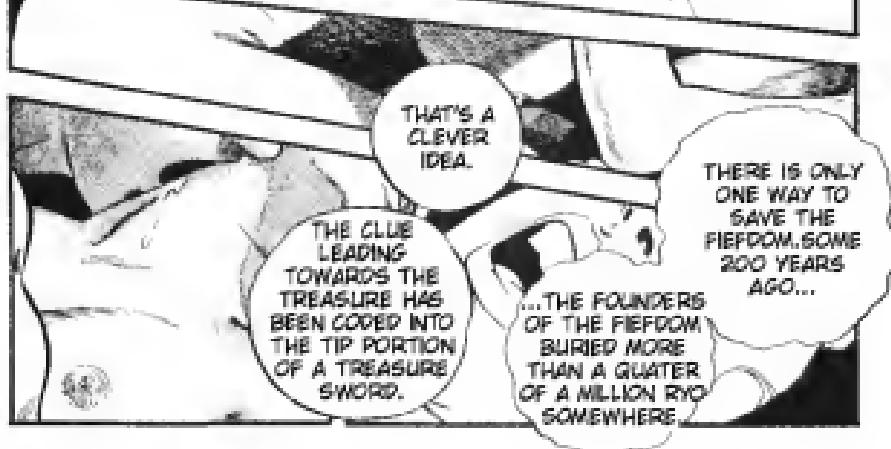
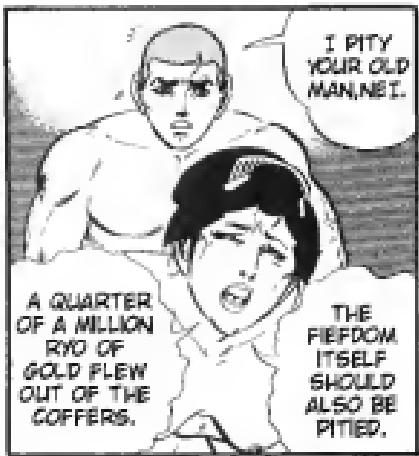
THE MINISTER IN
CHARGE...EER...
HA-HAS TO
FINANCE PROJECTS
THROUGH FIEFDOM
COFFERS.

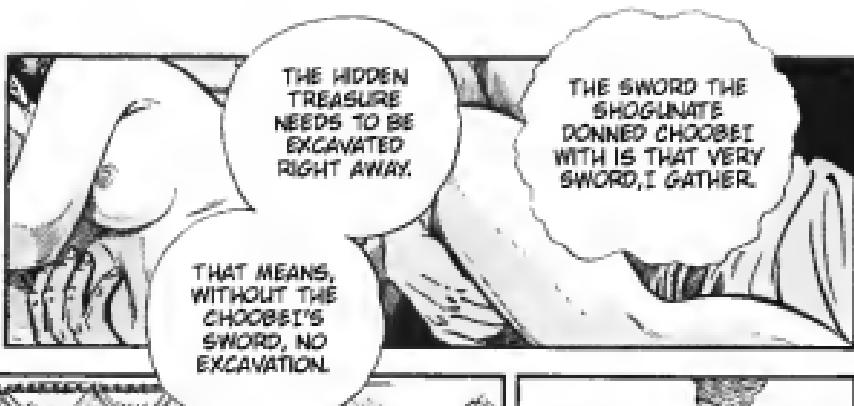
SHOGUNATE'S
ORDER IS
A CURSE
TO FIEFDOM
LORDS.

THE CURSE BEFELL
ON OUR FIEFDOM IN
THE FORM OF DIKE
CONSTRUCTION ALONG
THE RIVER RYUJIN
WITH MY FATHER
IN CHARGE OF THE
PROJECT.

AND THE
CURSE DIDN'T
SIMPLY GO
AWAY IN HIS
CASE, RIGHT?

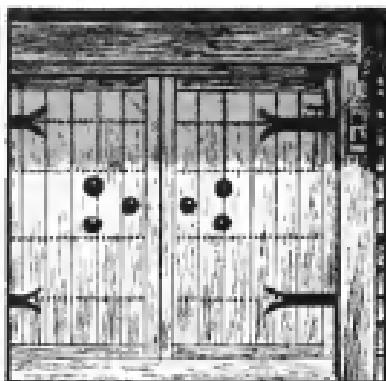
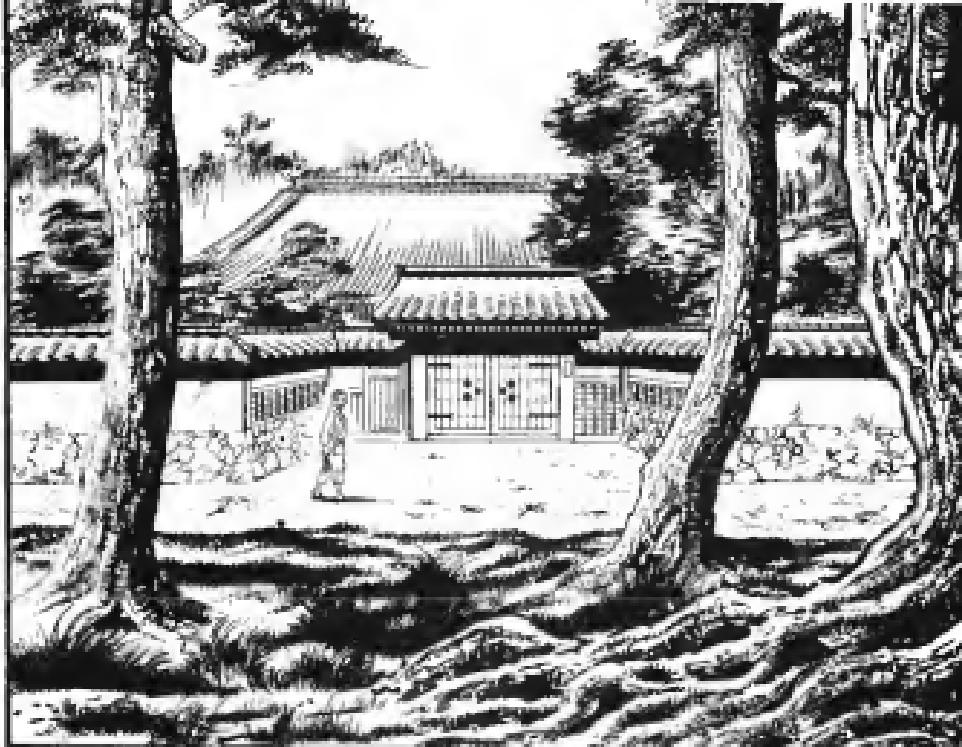
THE FIEFDOM IS
ON THE VERGE OF
FINANCIAL COLLAPSE,
AND MY FATHER
IS UNDER HOUSE
ARREST FACING A
HARAKIRI SENTENCE.

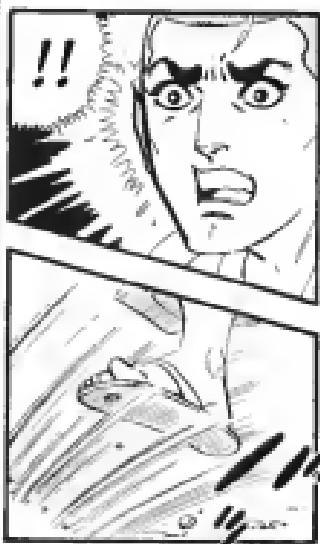






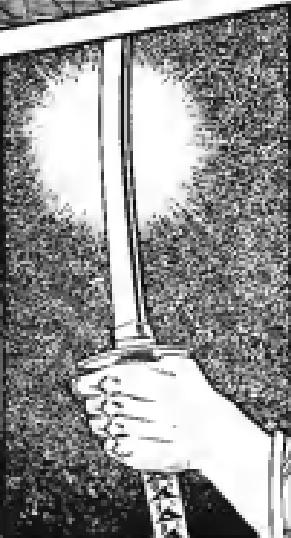




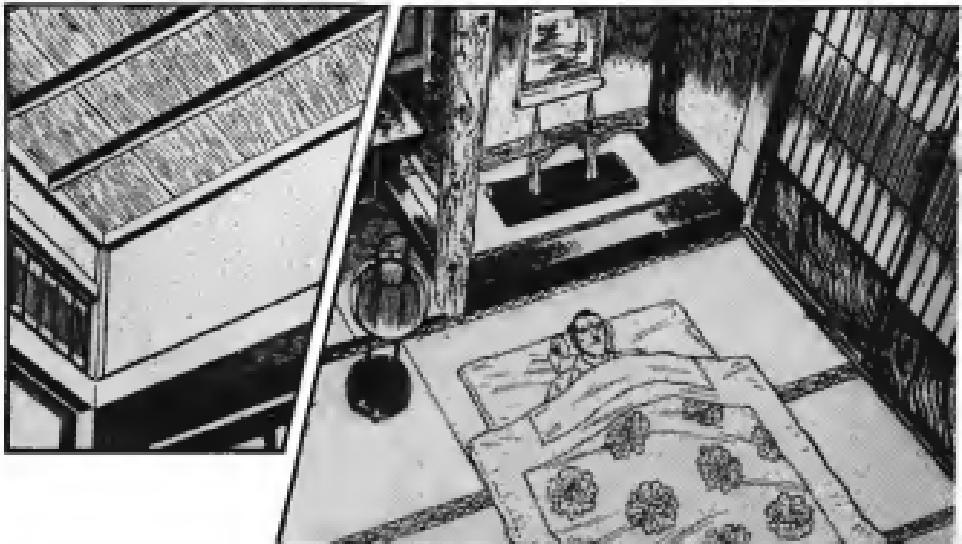
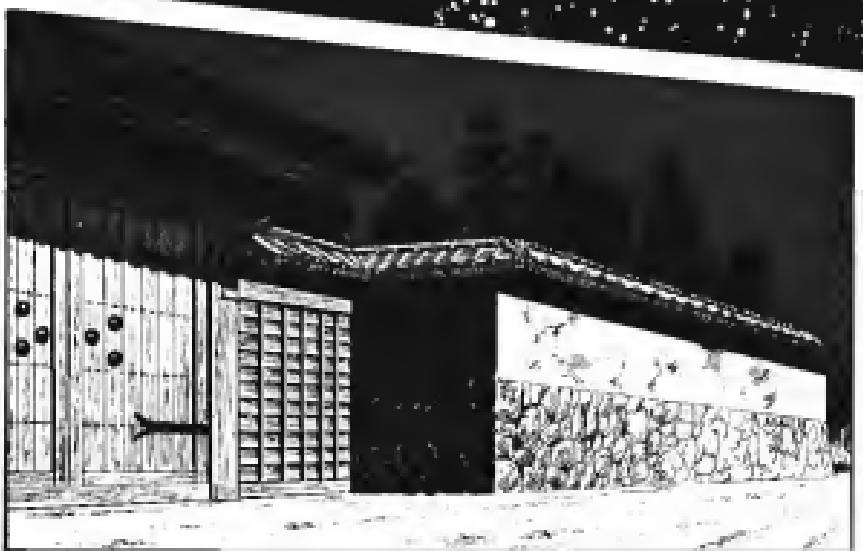
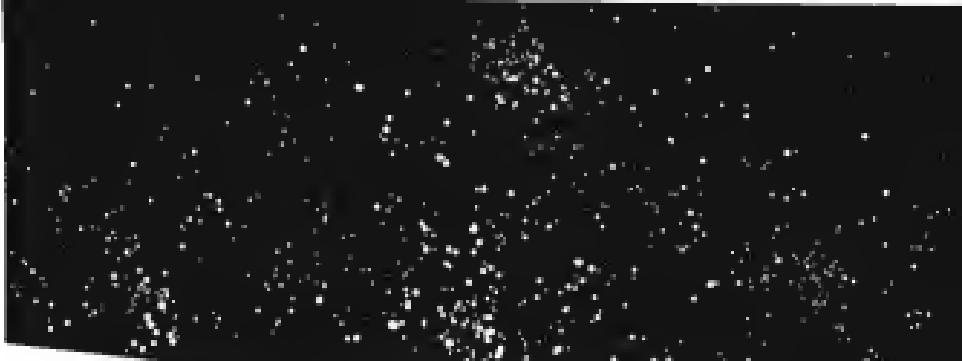


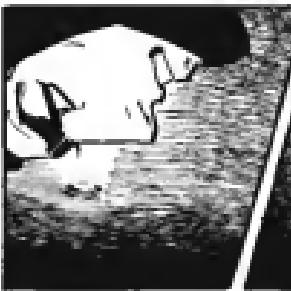
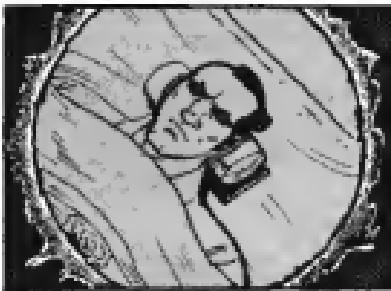
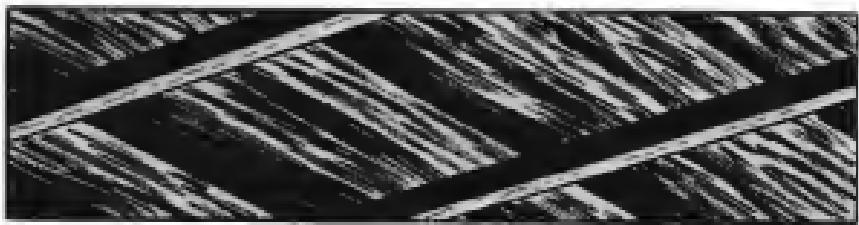


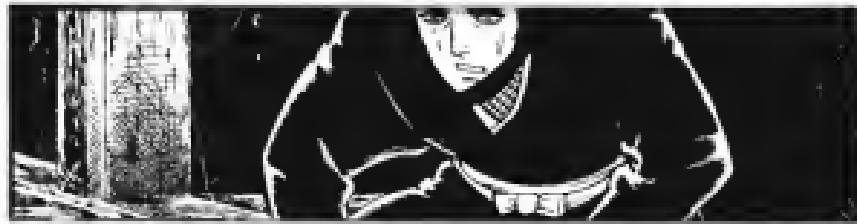
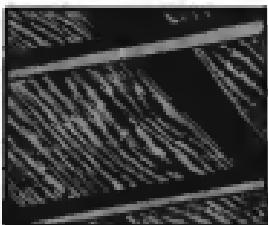
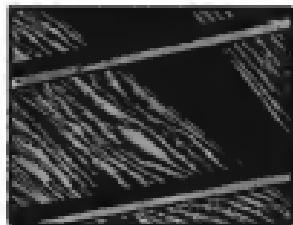
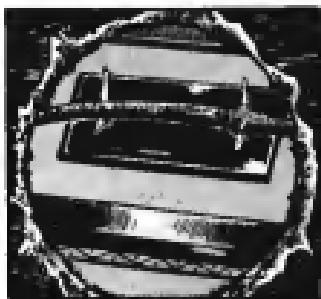


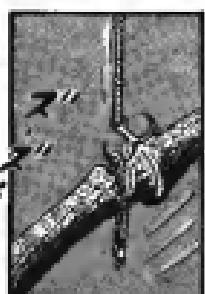
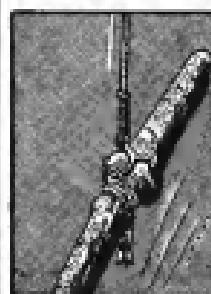
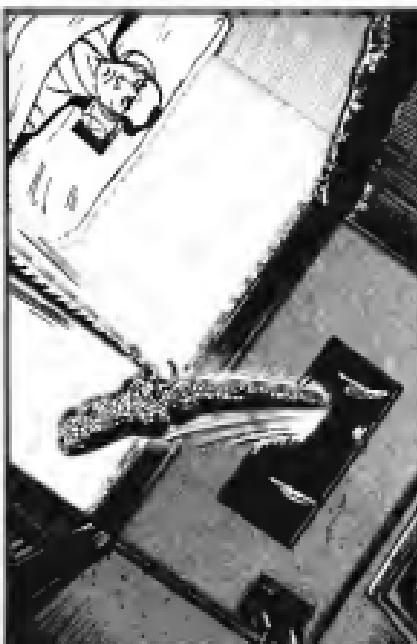
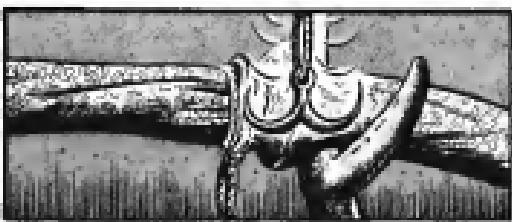


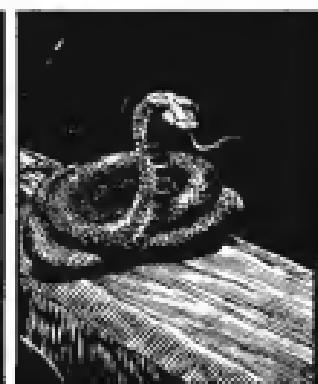
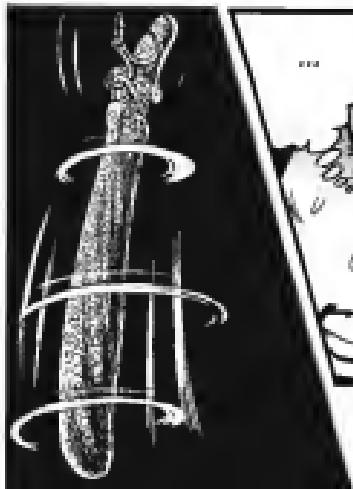
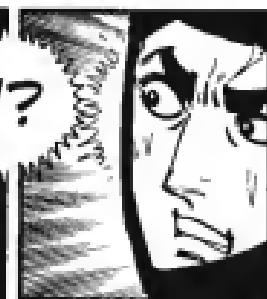
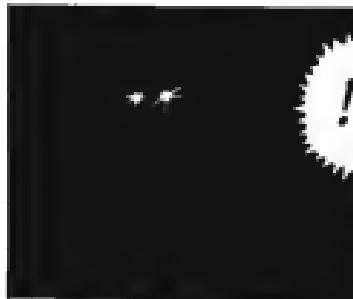


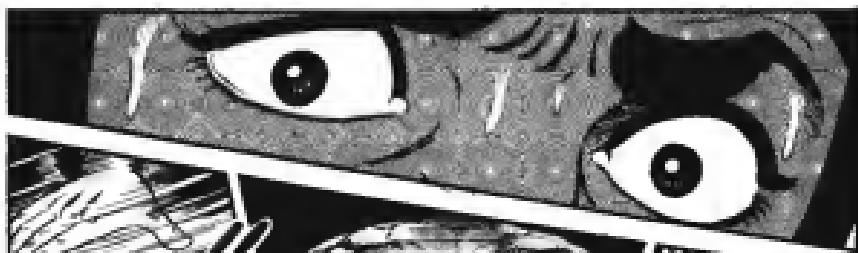


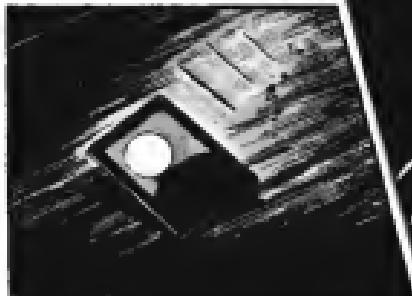


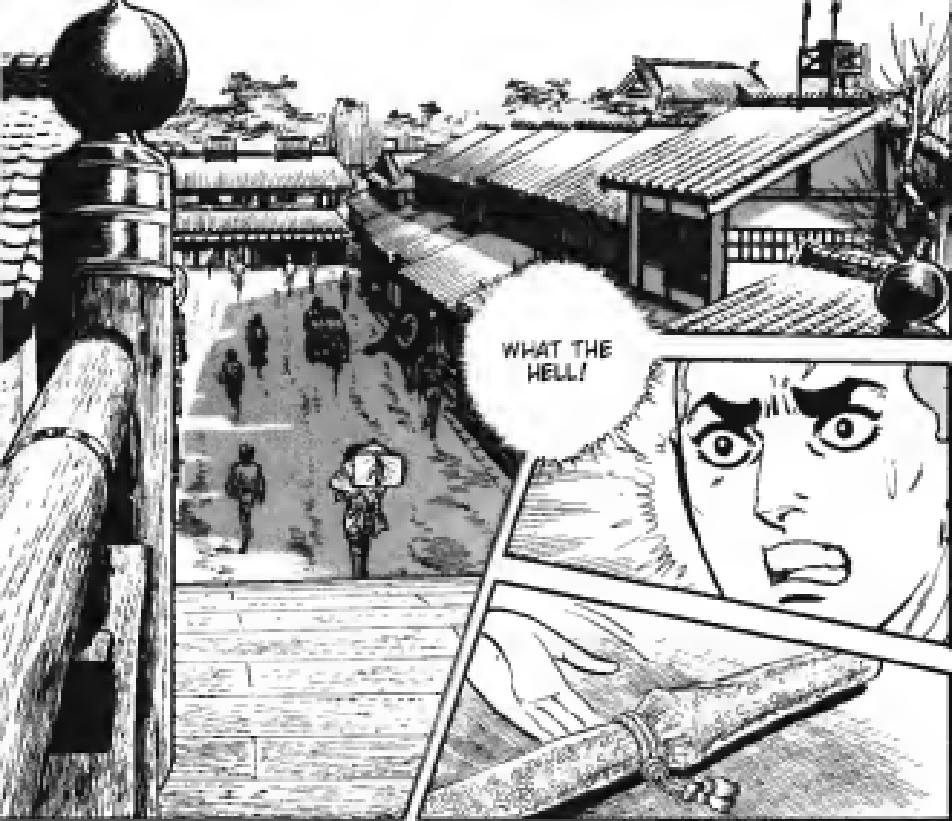


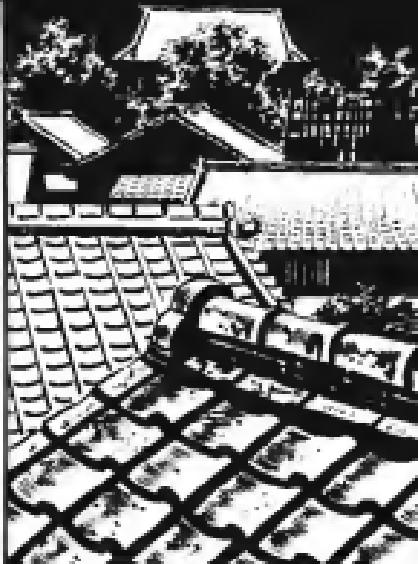
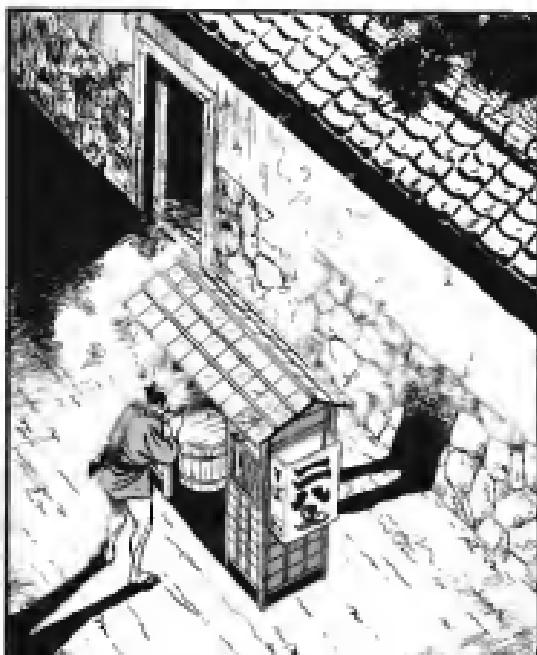
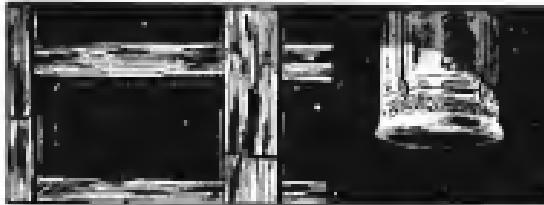






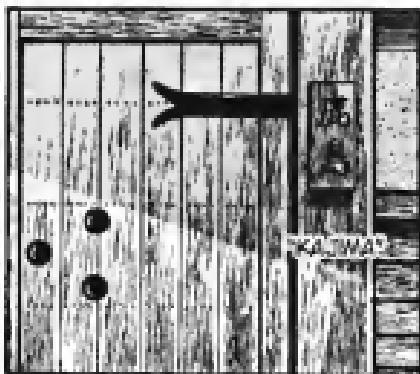


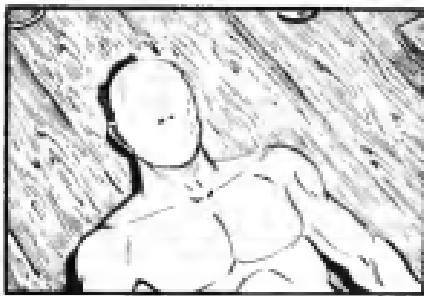


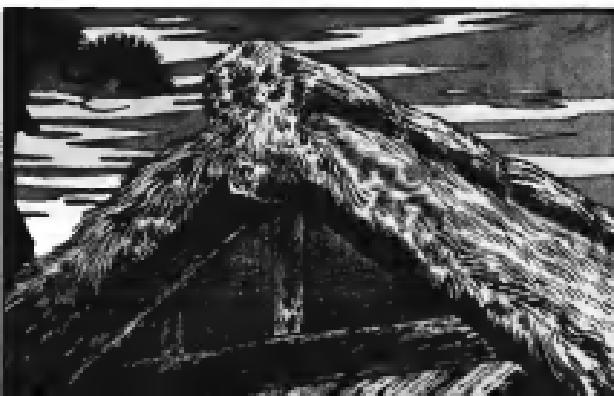
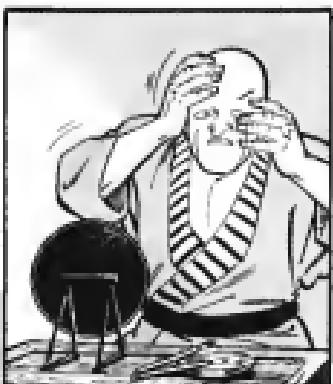


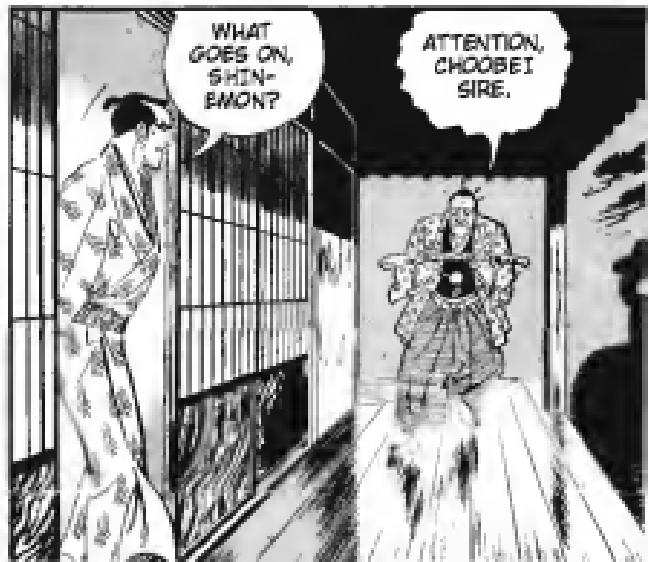
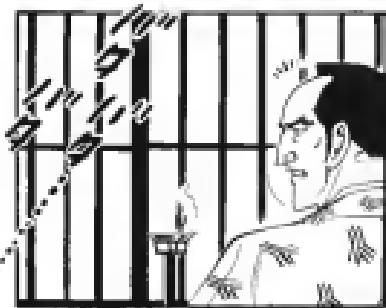








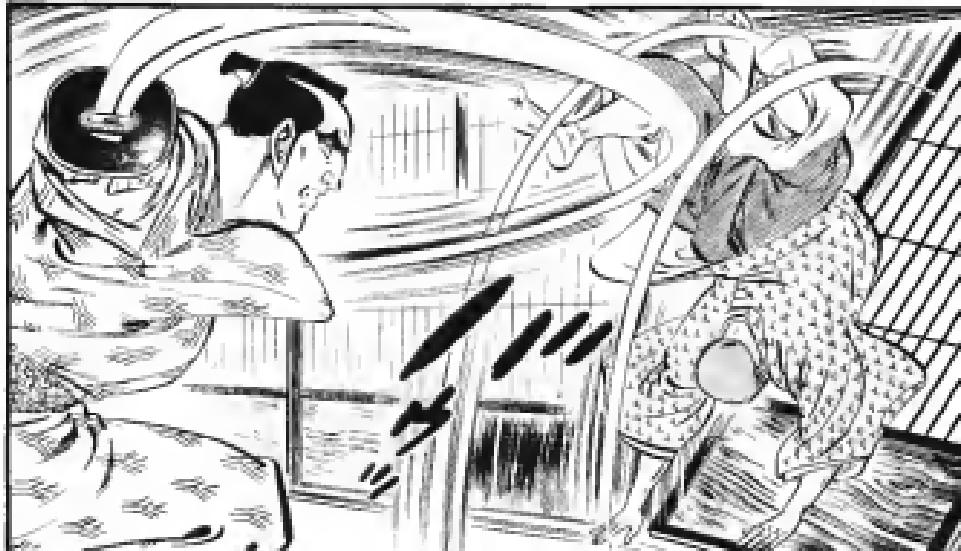








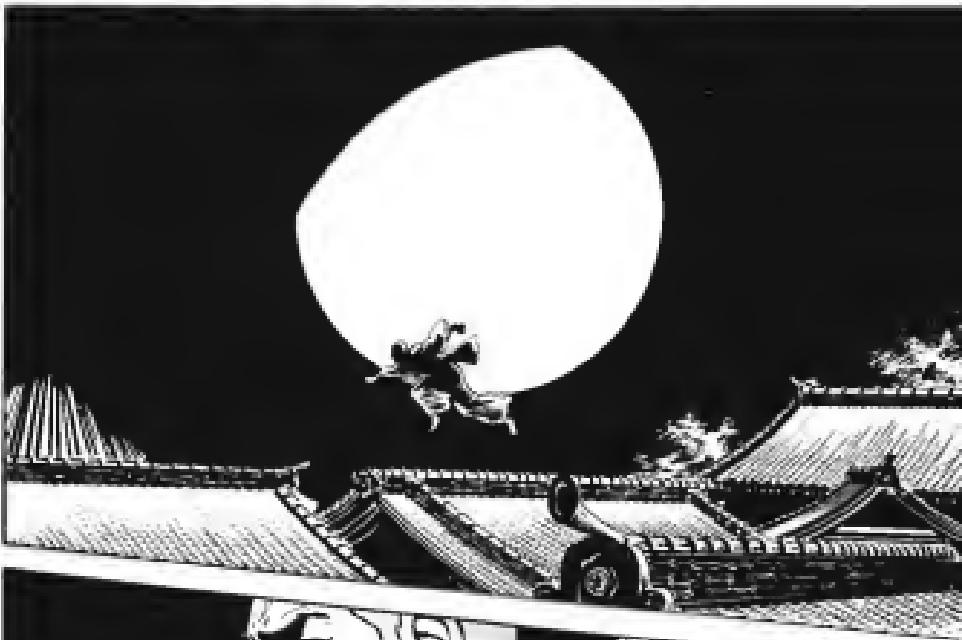












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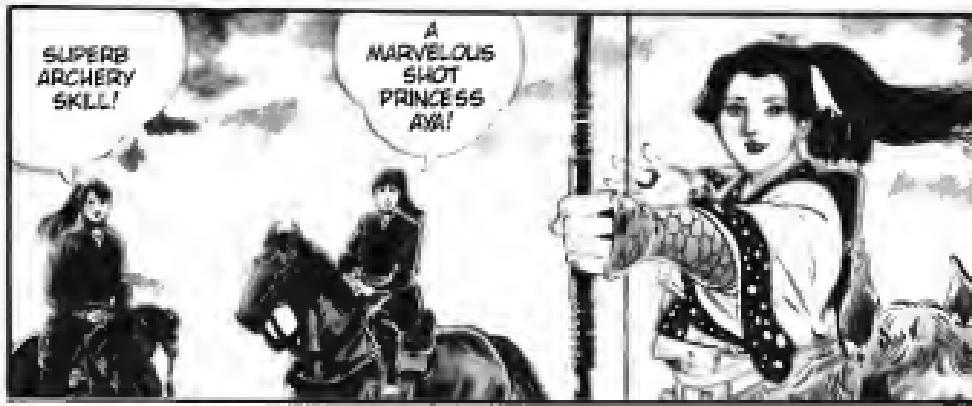
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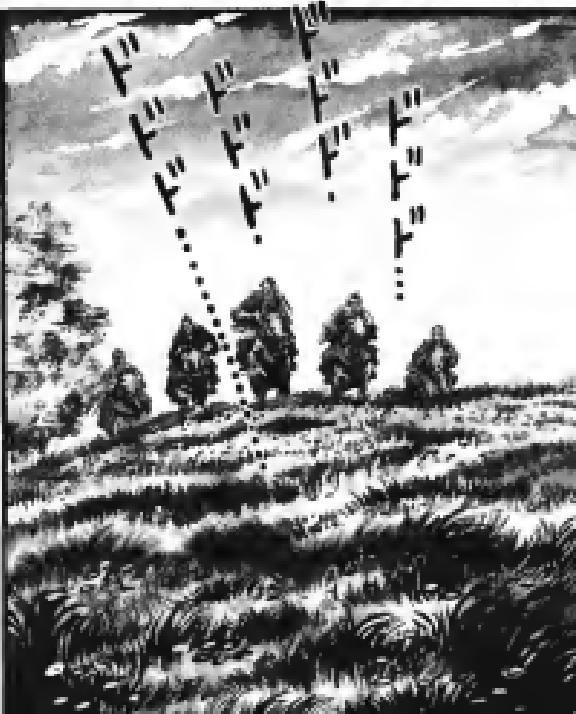
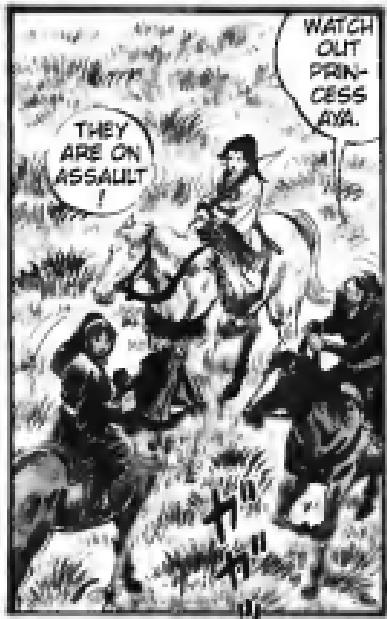








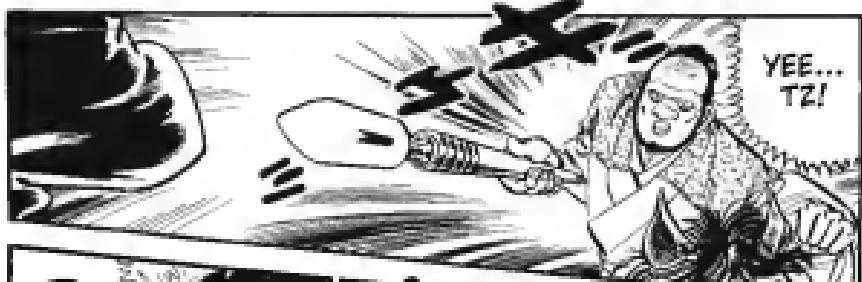








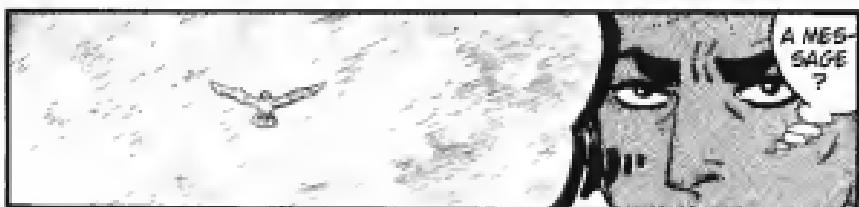




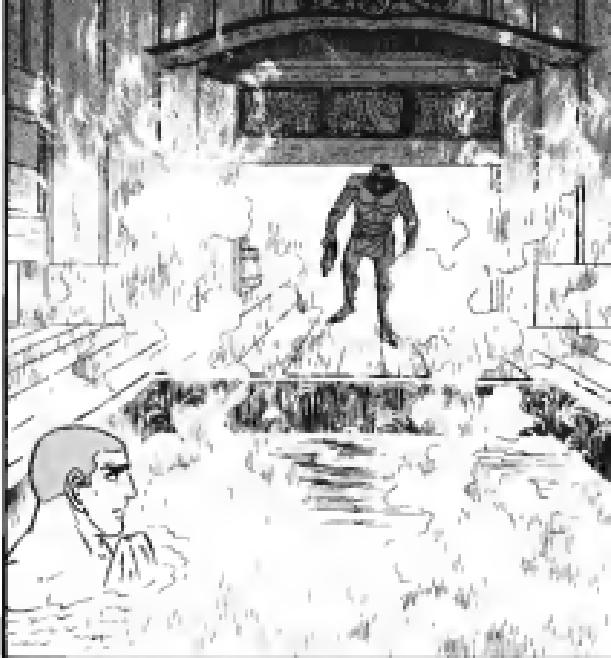




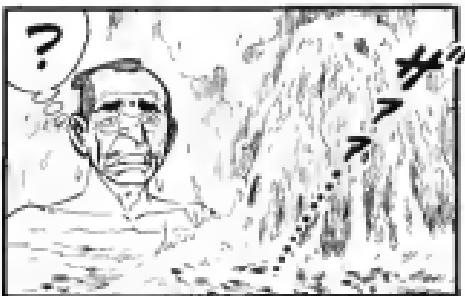








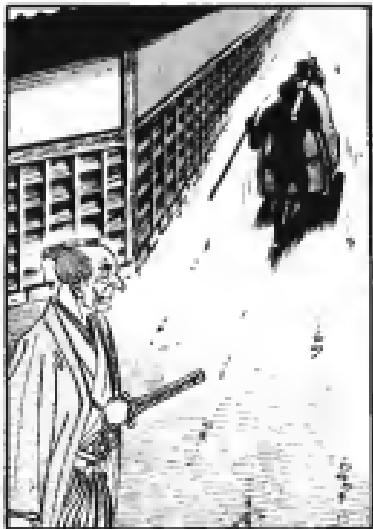






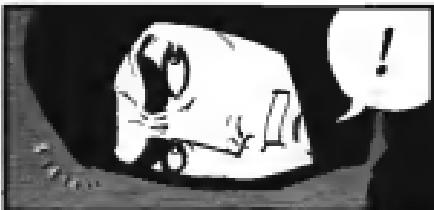












...DISTANCING
MY DAUGHTER,
YURI AND ME,
HIS LAWFUL
ESPouse
AWAY FROM
HIM.

THE LORD
WOULD NOT
SPEND A DAY
WITHOUT
THEIR
PRESENCE...

THE LORD
KURODATE
ALWAYS DRAWS
PRINCESS
AYA AND HER
CONCLIBINE
MOTHER CLOSE
TO HIM.

WHAT YOU
SAY IS
MORE THAN
TRUE.

...SHOULD
BE ME,
PRINCESS
YURI...

A PRINCESS TO BE
DEDICATED BY THE
KURODATE CLAN
FOR BETROTHAL
TO PRINCE
MATSUDAIRA

...AND
NOT THAT
PUSHY
TOMBOY
AYA.

!!

DON'T YOU
THINK SO,
JOOROBEI?

AYA SHOULD BE
HUMILIATED IN
ORDER TO MAKE
A WAY TO YURI'S
BETROTHAL
TO PRINCE
MATSUDAIRA.

SHOULD
THAT
NINJA
FAIL...

YOU
ARE
RIGHT,
YURI.

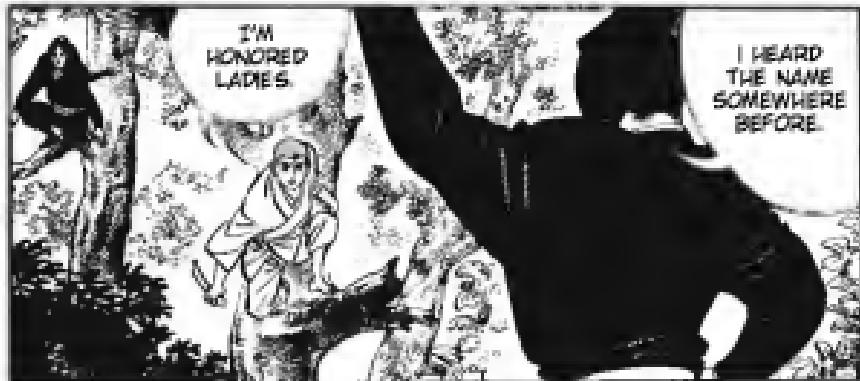
WHAT AN
UGLY FEMININE
JERUSA!

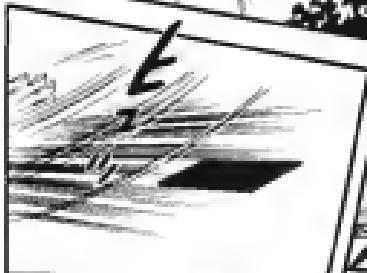
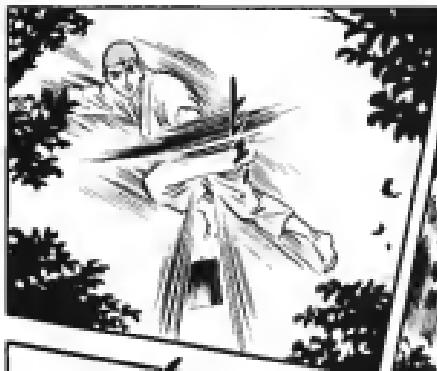




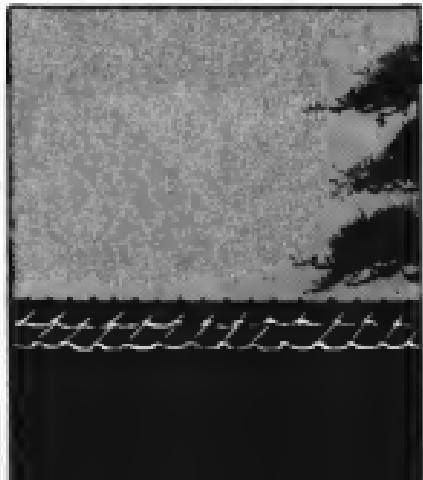
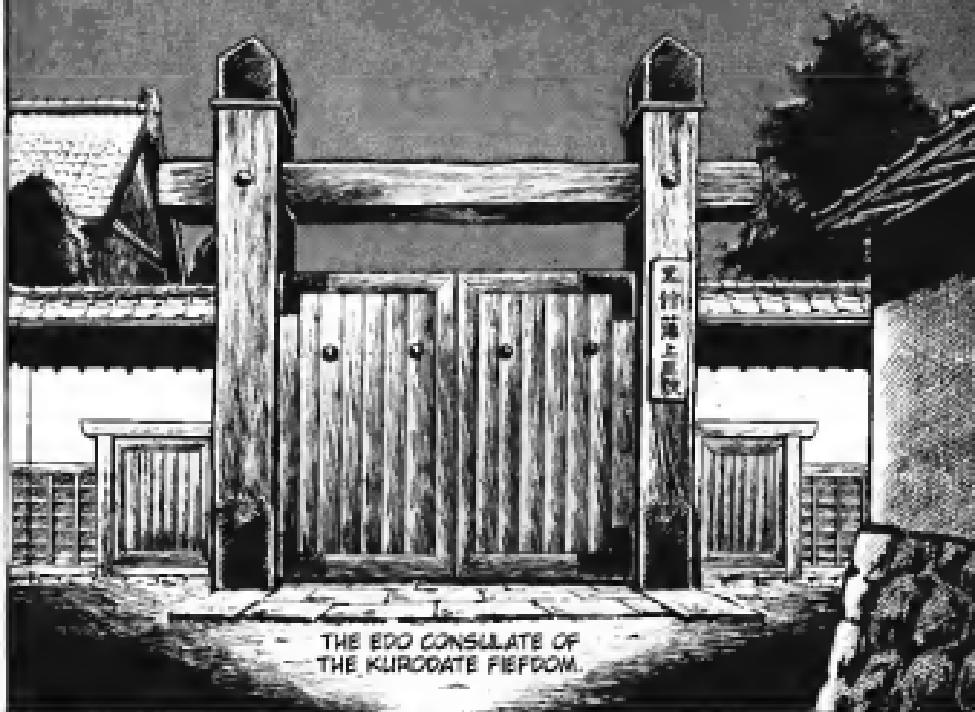


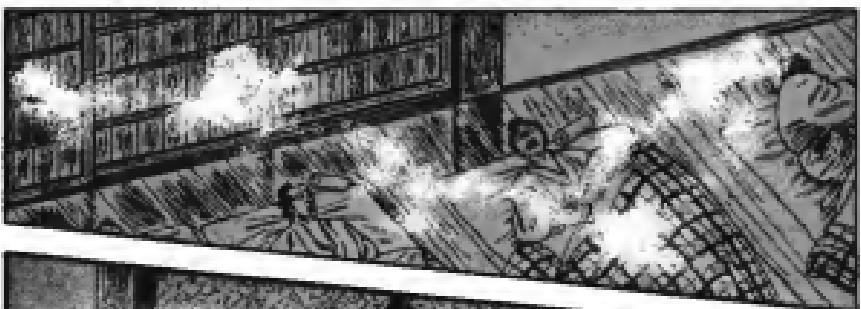
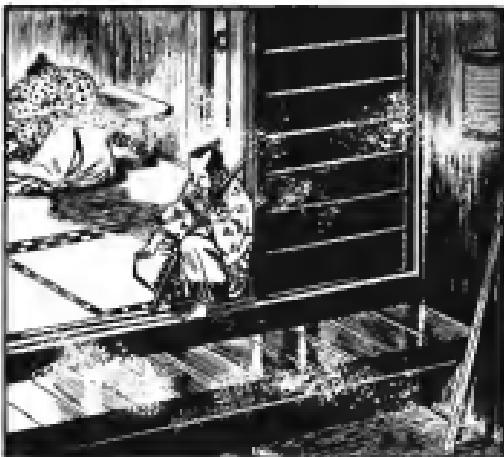
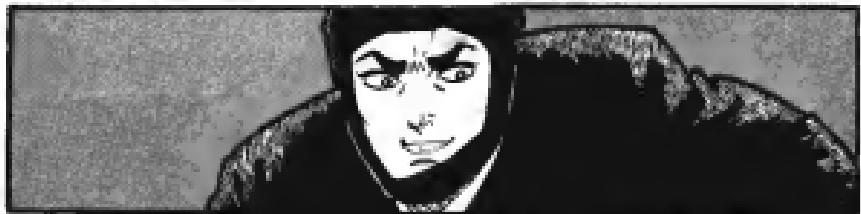


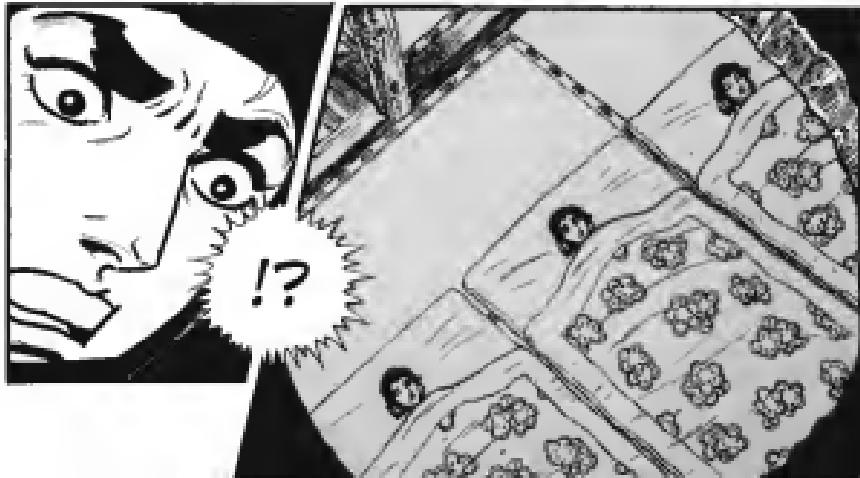
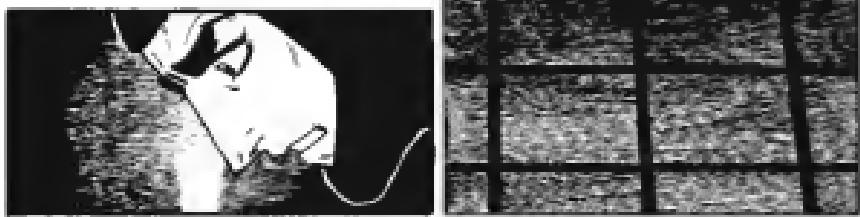
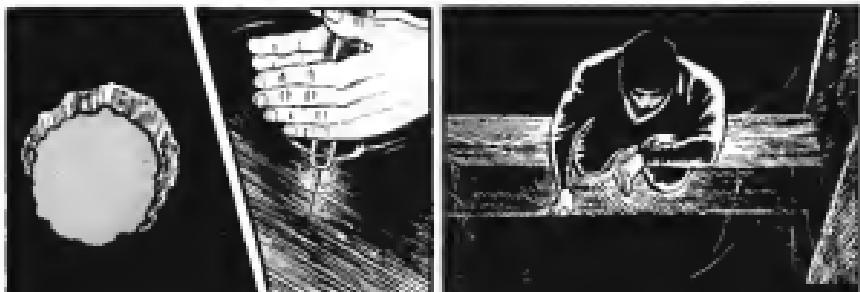
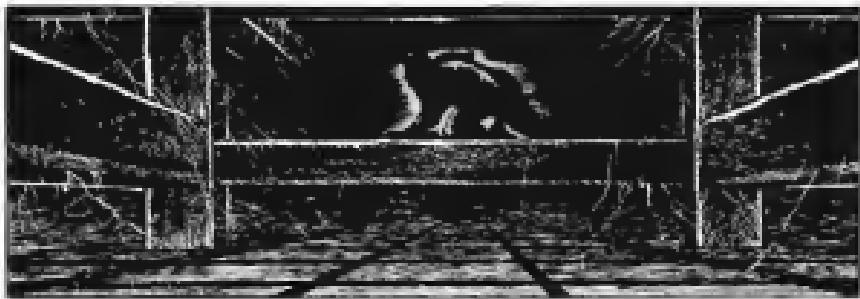


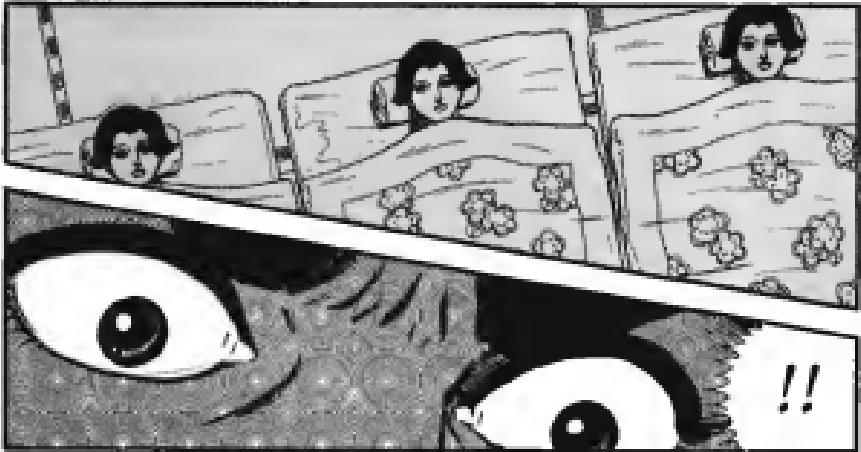






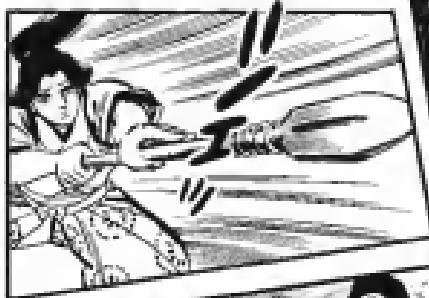






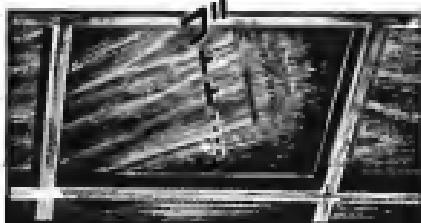






HANG ON,
HANG ON.

YOU GOT
ME, ALL
RIGHT.

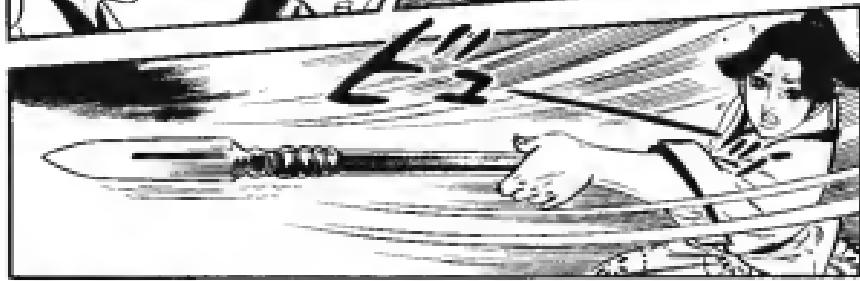


NO HANKY-
PANKY
MOVES!

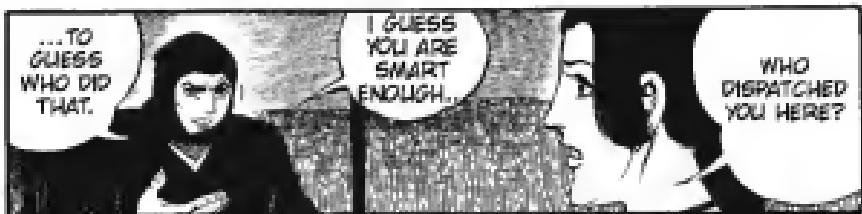
I'M BEAT.
LET ME
COME
DOWN.

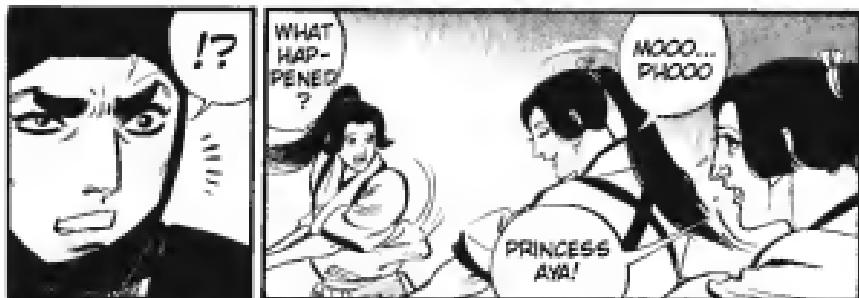


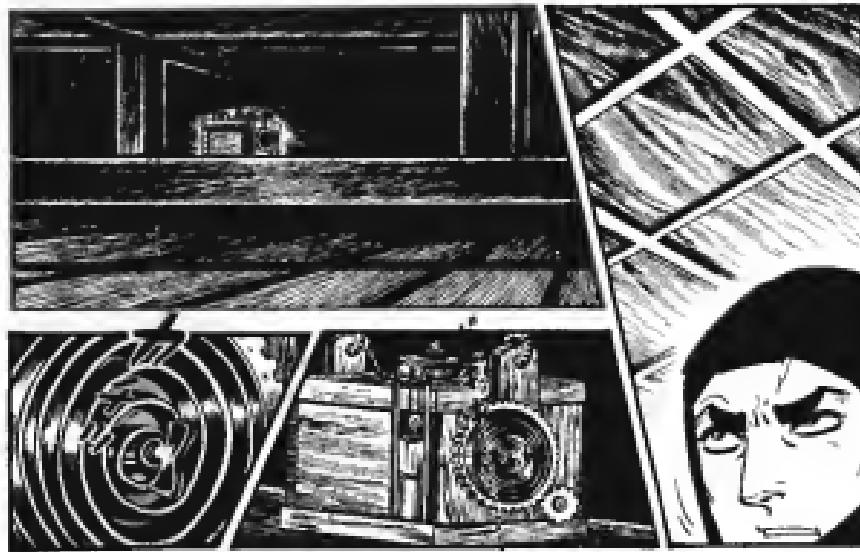


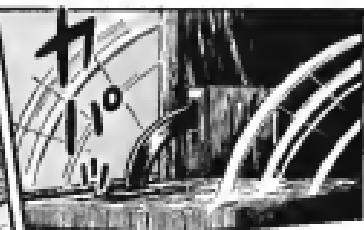
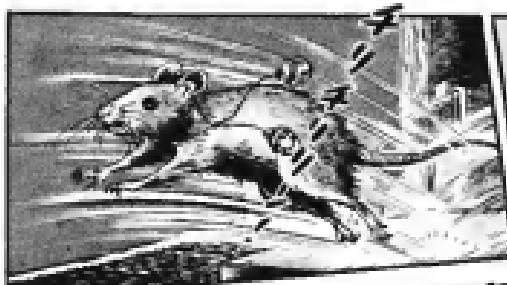






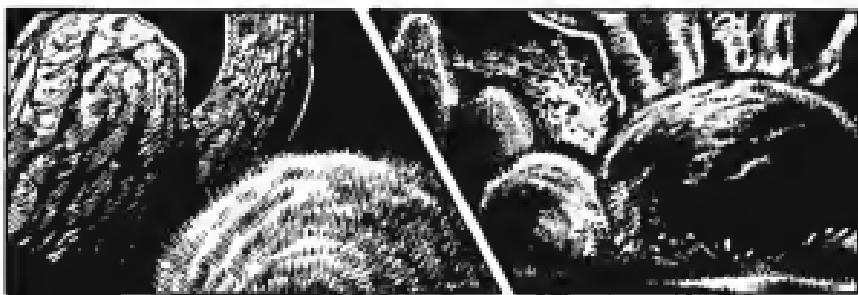


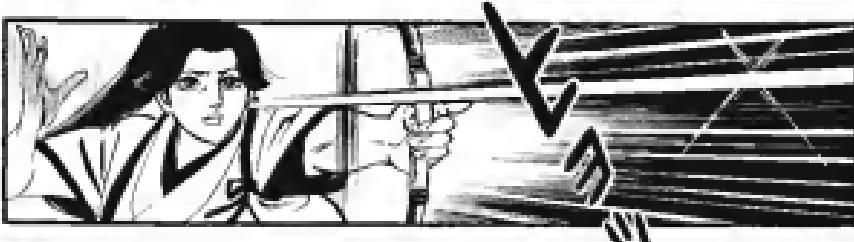




















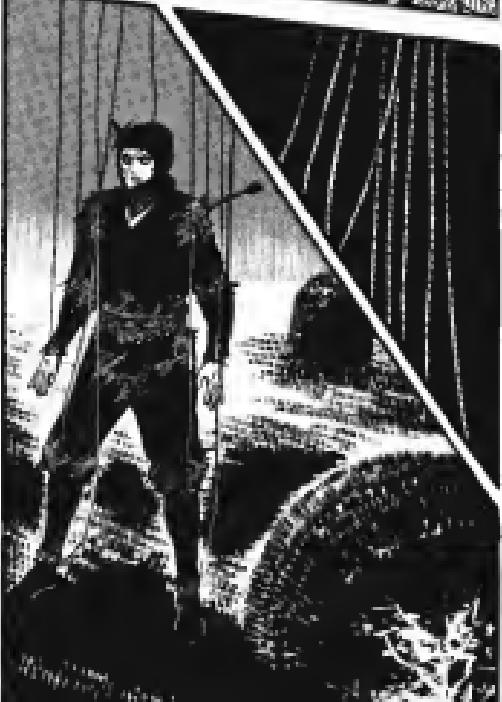








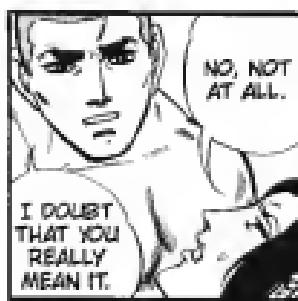






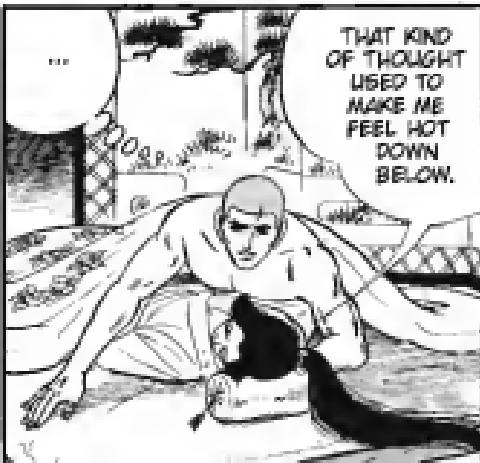
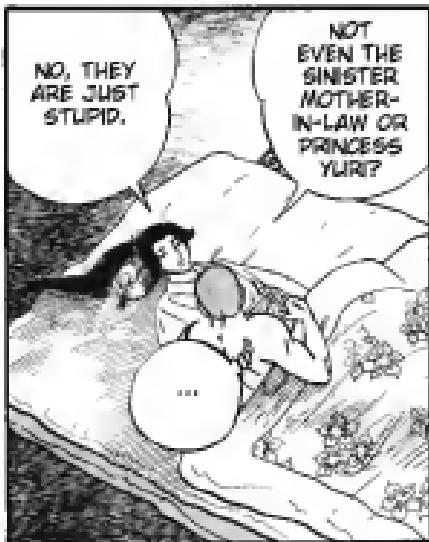


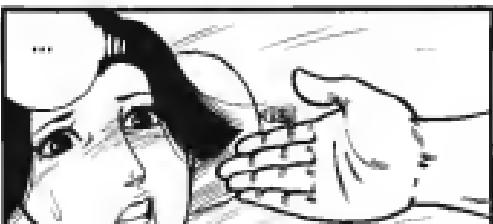
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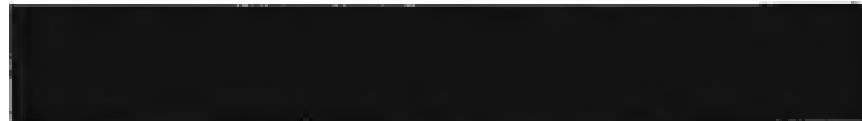
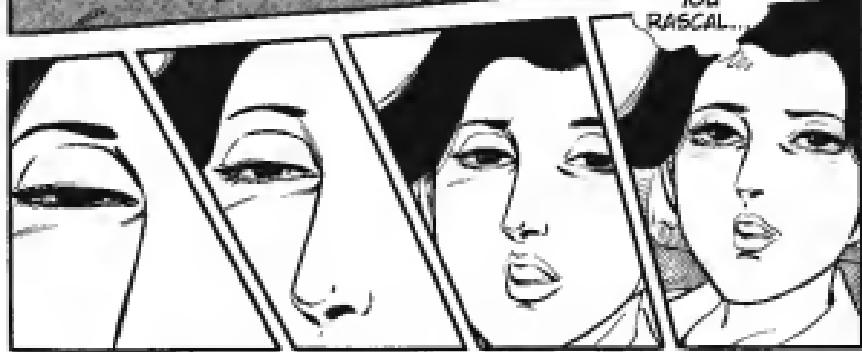
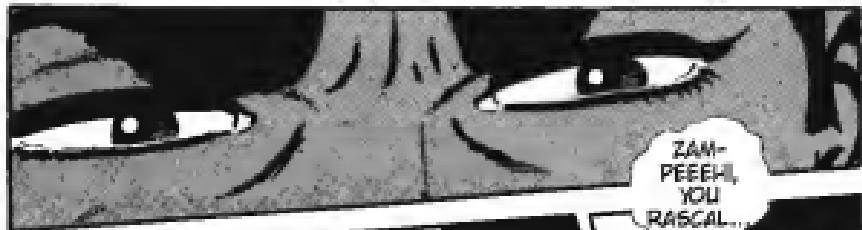


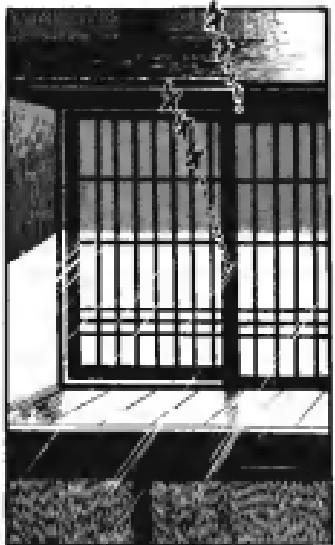
I DOUBT THAT YOU REALLY MEAN IT.







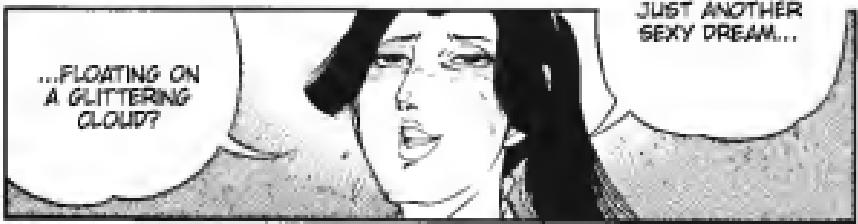








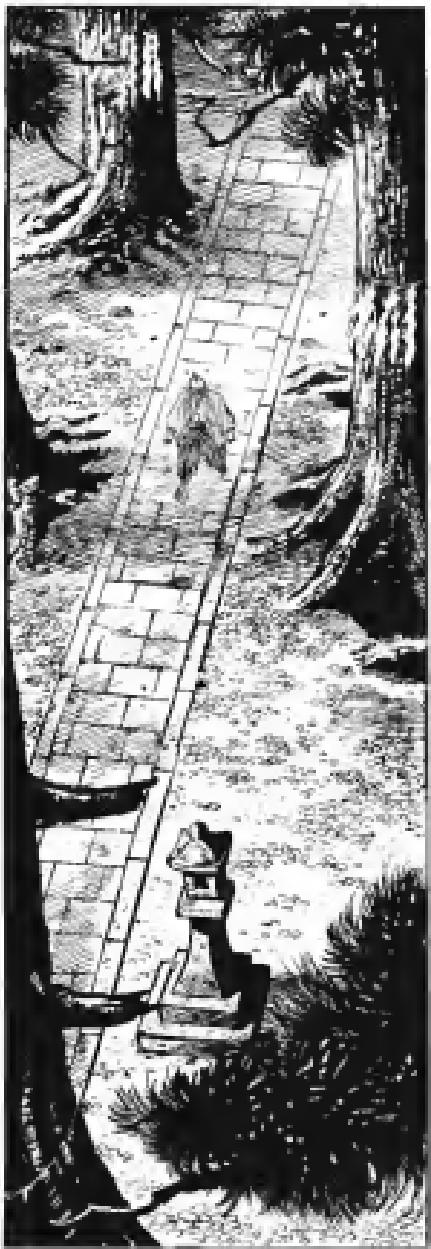
...OR WAS IT
JUST ANOTHER
SEXY DREAM...

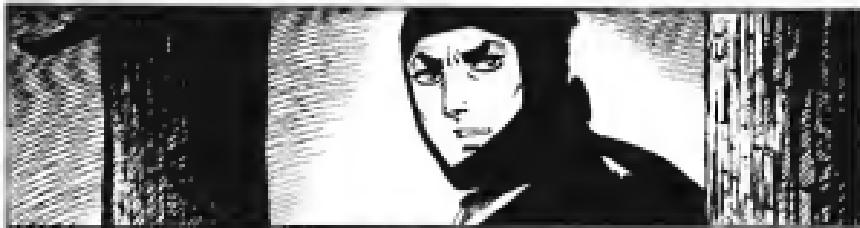


...OR WAS IT
JUST ANOTHER
SEXY DREAM...















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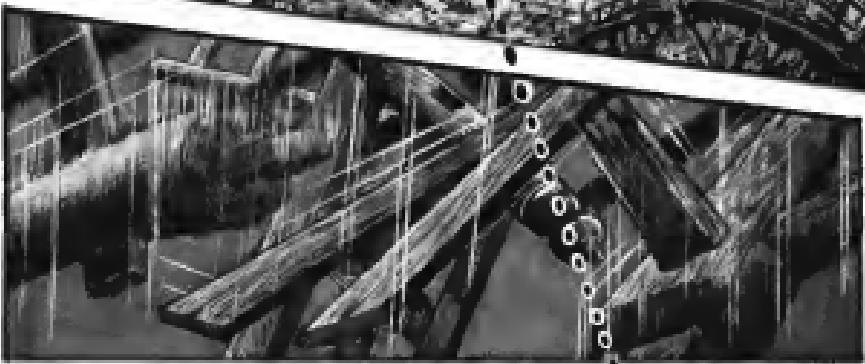


**Down with
the Rainbow Bridge**

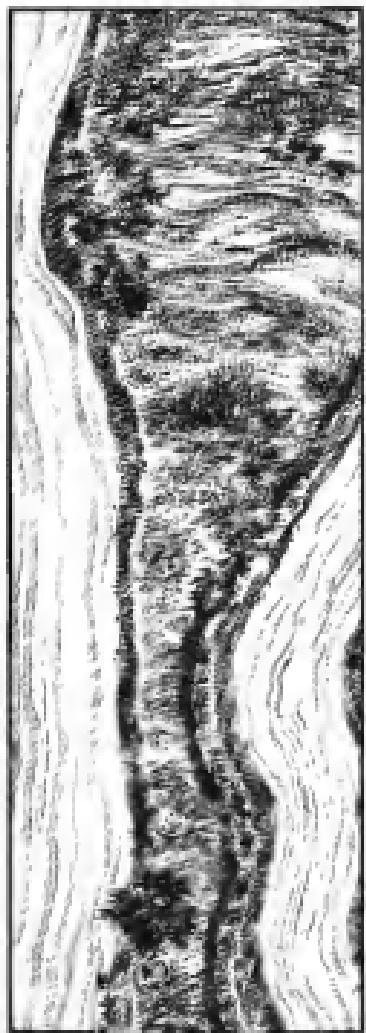




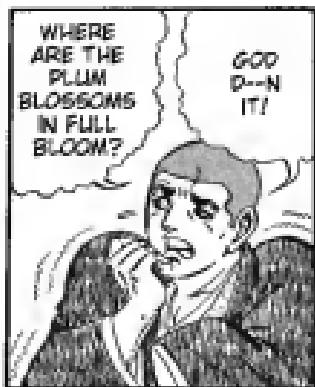


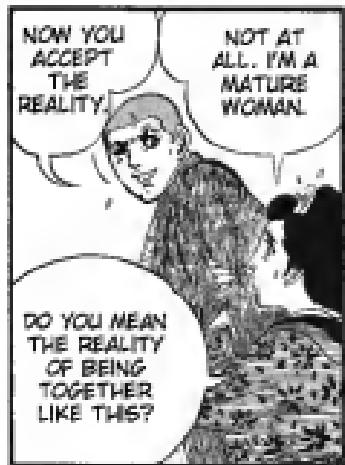




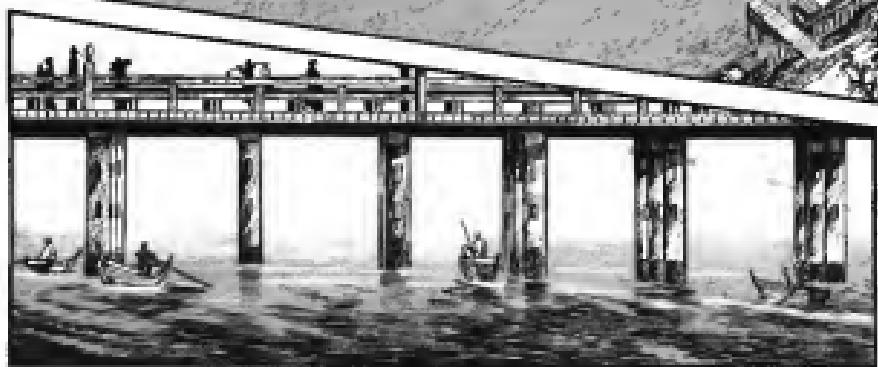
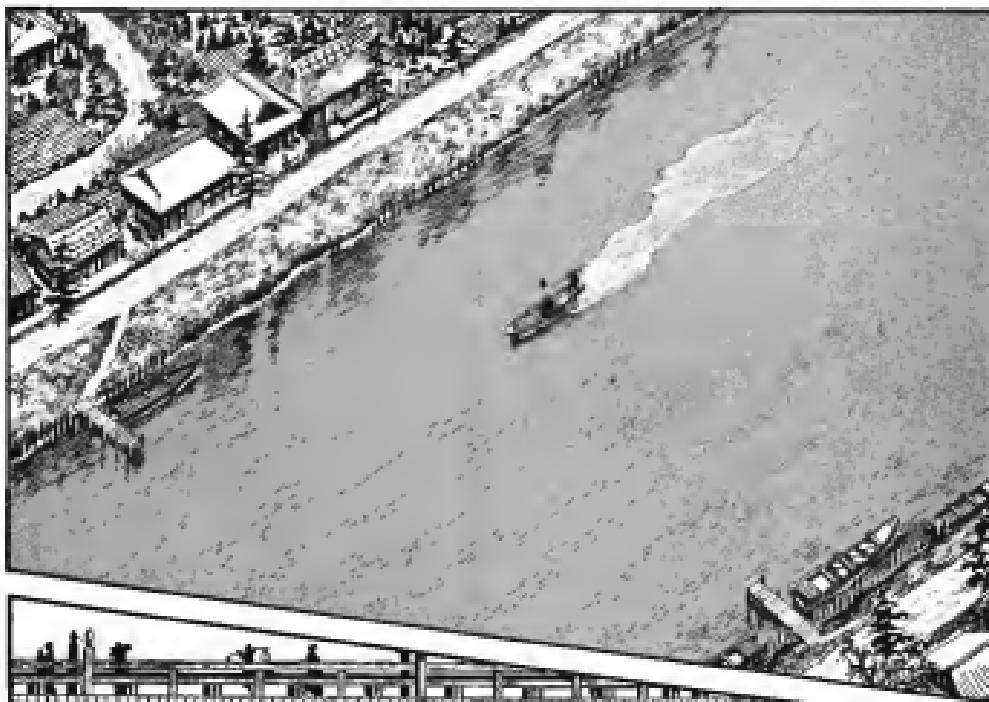
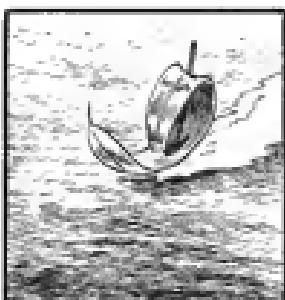


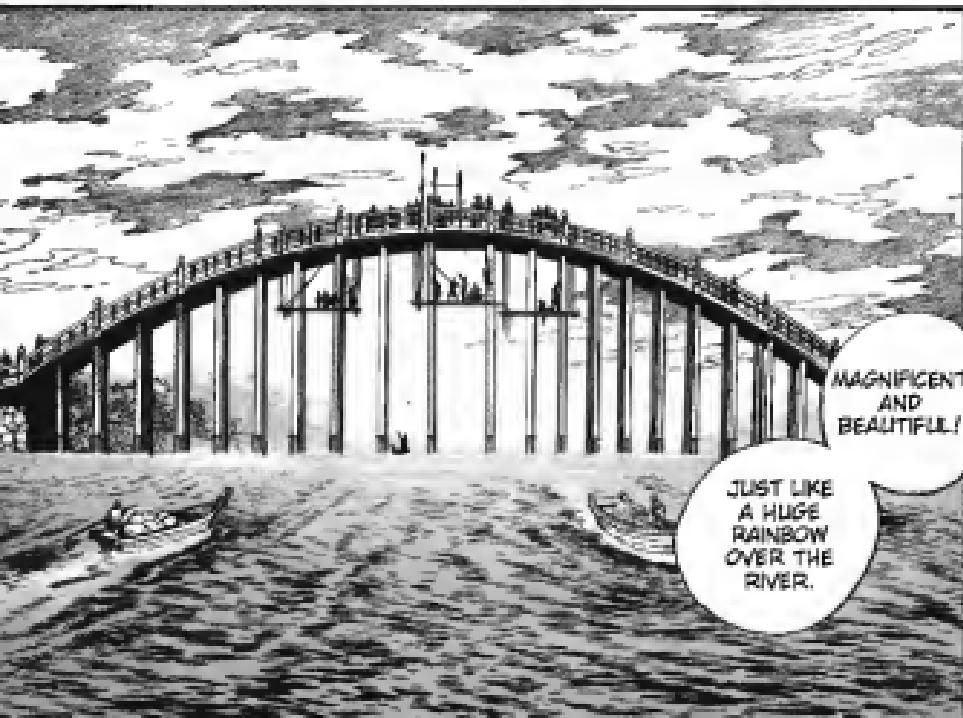
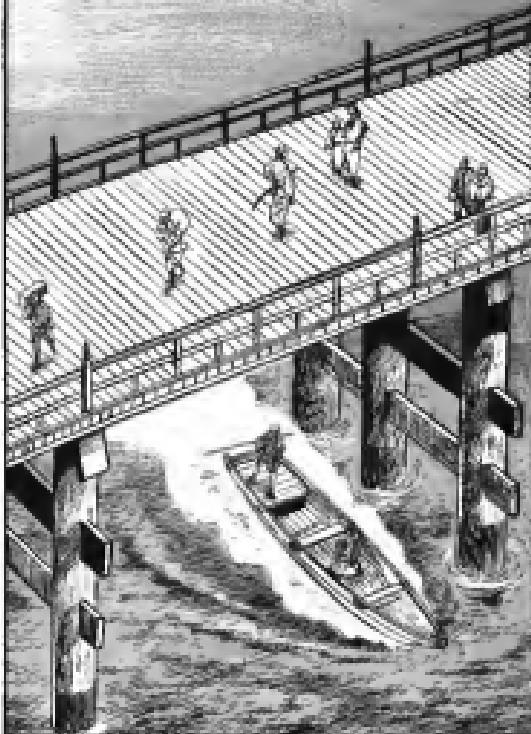
I'M
SHIVERING.





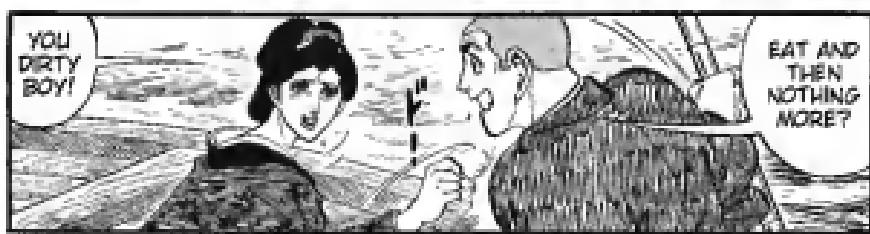
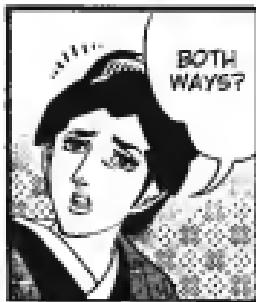


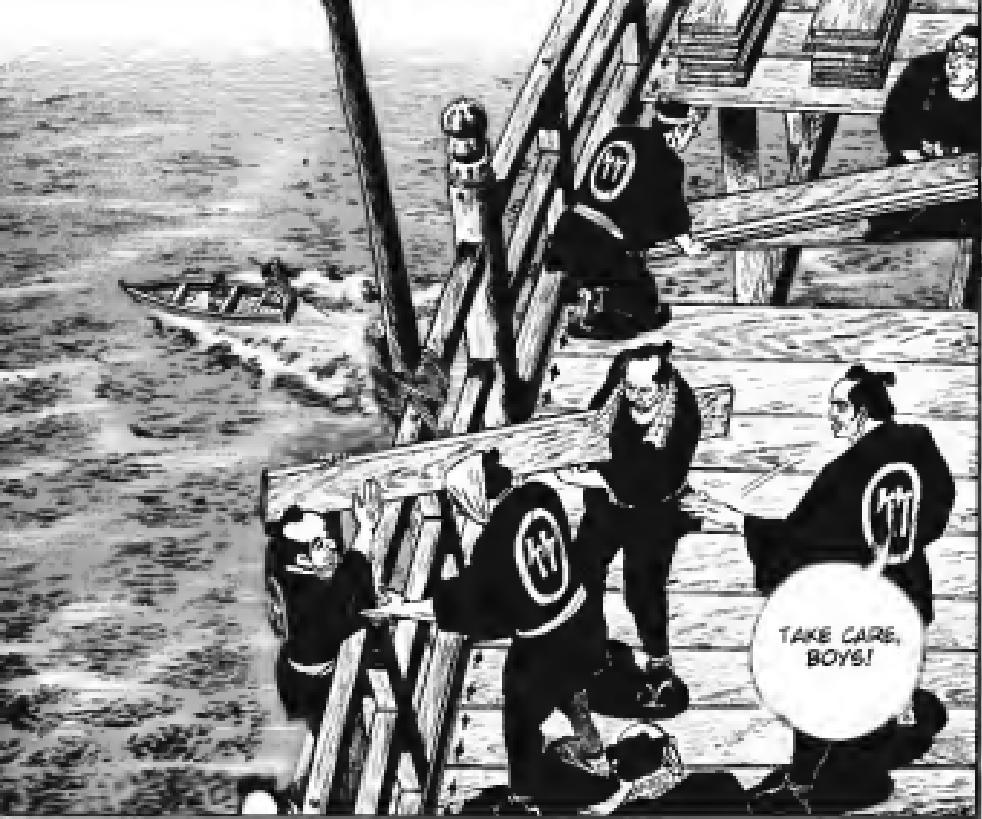






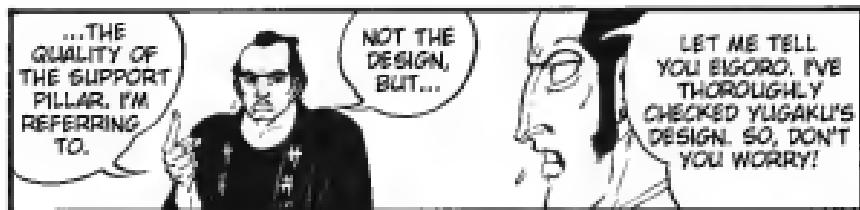
DO YOU KNOW
IT'S 180 FEET
LONG...

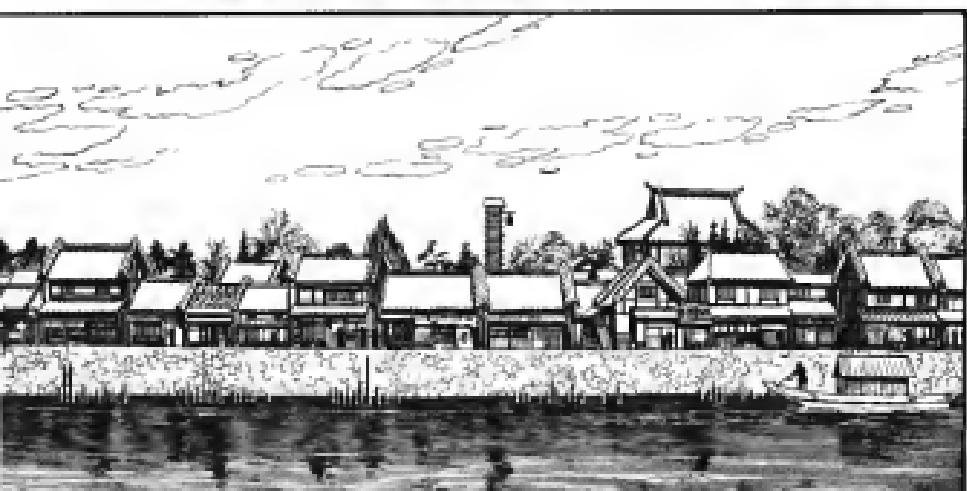




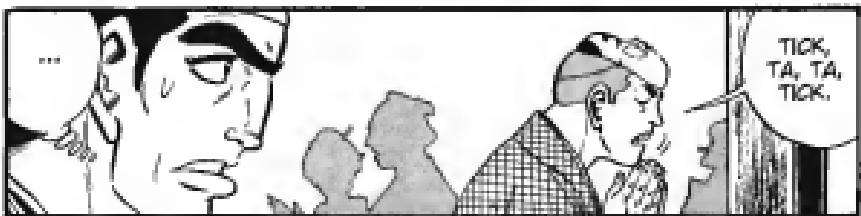
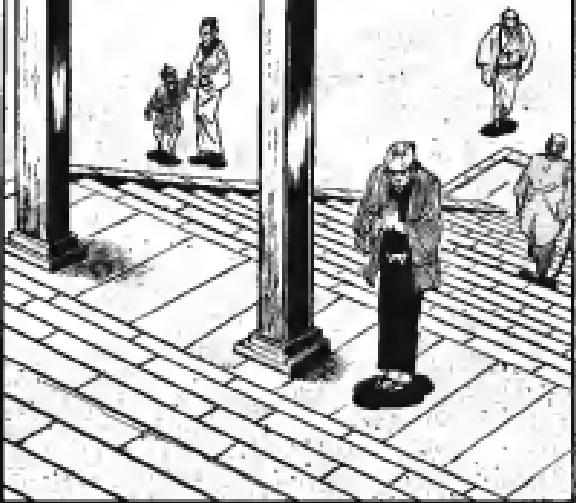














...WHO DOES NOT KNOW ONE END OF THE BRIDGE FROM THE OTHER.

THE DESIGNER IS A CHARLATAN

FIRST OF ALL, THE DESIGN ITSELF IS A SHAM. THE BRIDGE IS FANCY LOOKING, AND THAT'S ALL.

...IN COLLUSION WITH SHOGUNATE INSPECTORS.

BESIDES, THE CONDUCTOR USED LUMBER MATERIALS THAT DO NOT SATISFY SPECIFICATIONS CALLED FOR...

HOOOM...

THE LUMBER USED IS TOO THIN AND OF UNSATISFACTORY QUALITY.

A USUAL STORY.

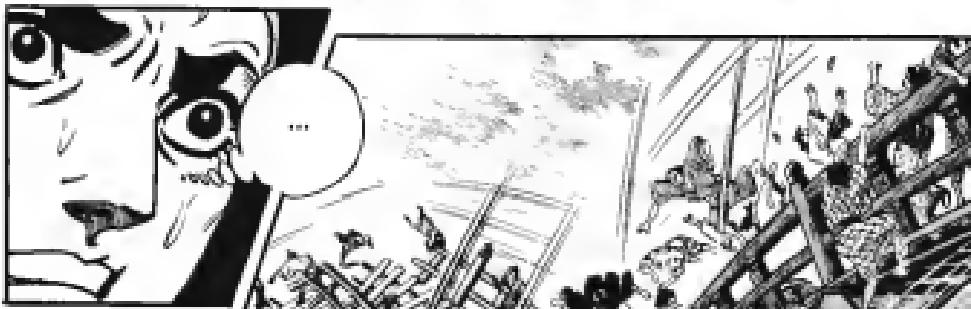
THEN, THE INSPECTOR POCKETS A KICK BACK.

...AND THAT IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, CONSIDER THE WEIGHT THE BRIDGE HAS TO BEAR.

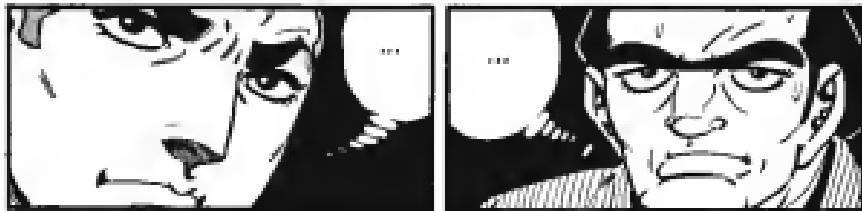
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WOULD RUSH INTO THE BRIDGE...

AN EMINENT DANGER IS TO COME ON THE OPENING DAY.

THAT'S A DANGEROUS SITUATION.





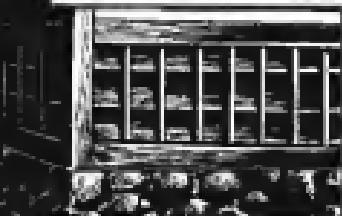


























MAYBE,
HE GOT
KILLED
BECAUSE
OF THE
CURSE.

WHAT
CURSE?

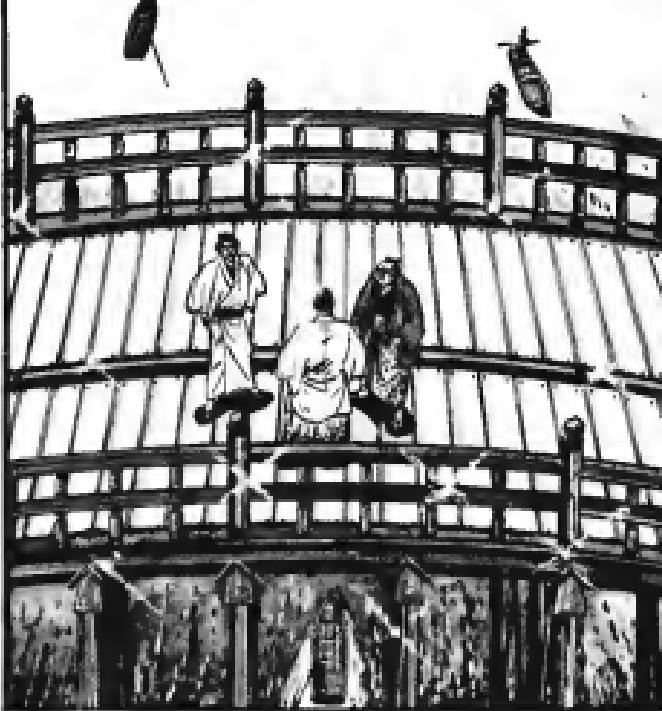
DO YOU
REMEMBER
HIM MUMBLING
THAT THIS
BRIDGE IS
CURSED?

YAH, SURE.
MURDERED
WITH JUST A
SINGLE LETHAL
STAB FROM
BEHIND.

DID YOU HEAR
OF WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE HEAD
CARPENTER
EIGOROT?







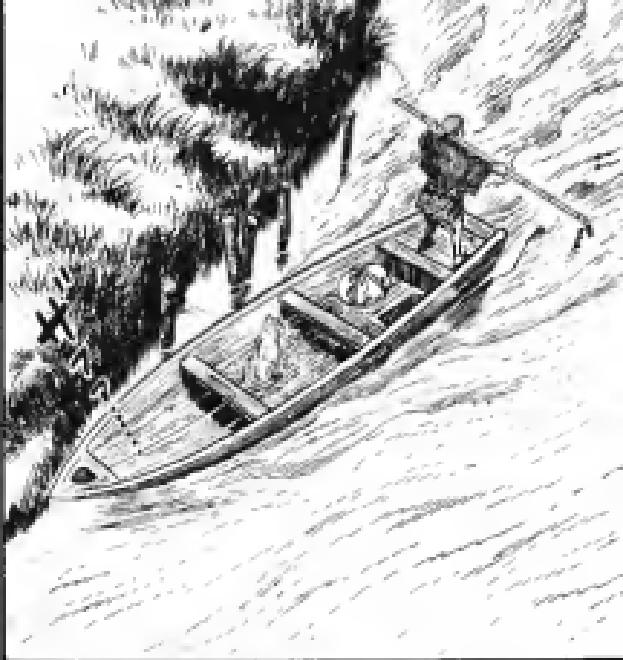


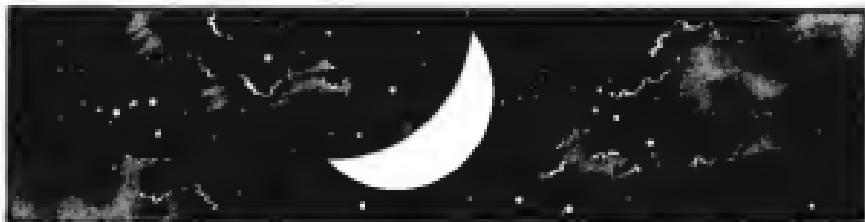


THE POTENCE
OF THE
TECHNIQUE,
OF COURSE,
DEPENDS ON
THE REWARD.

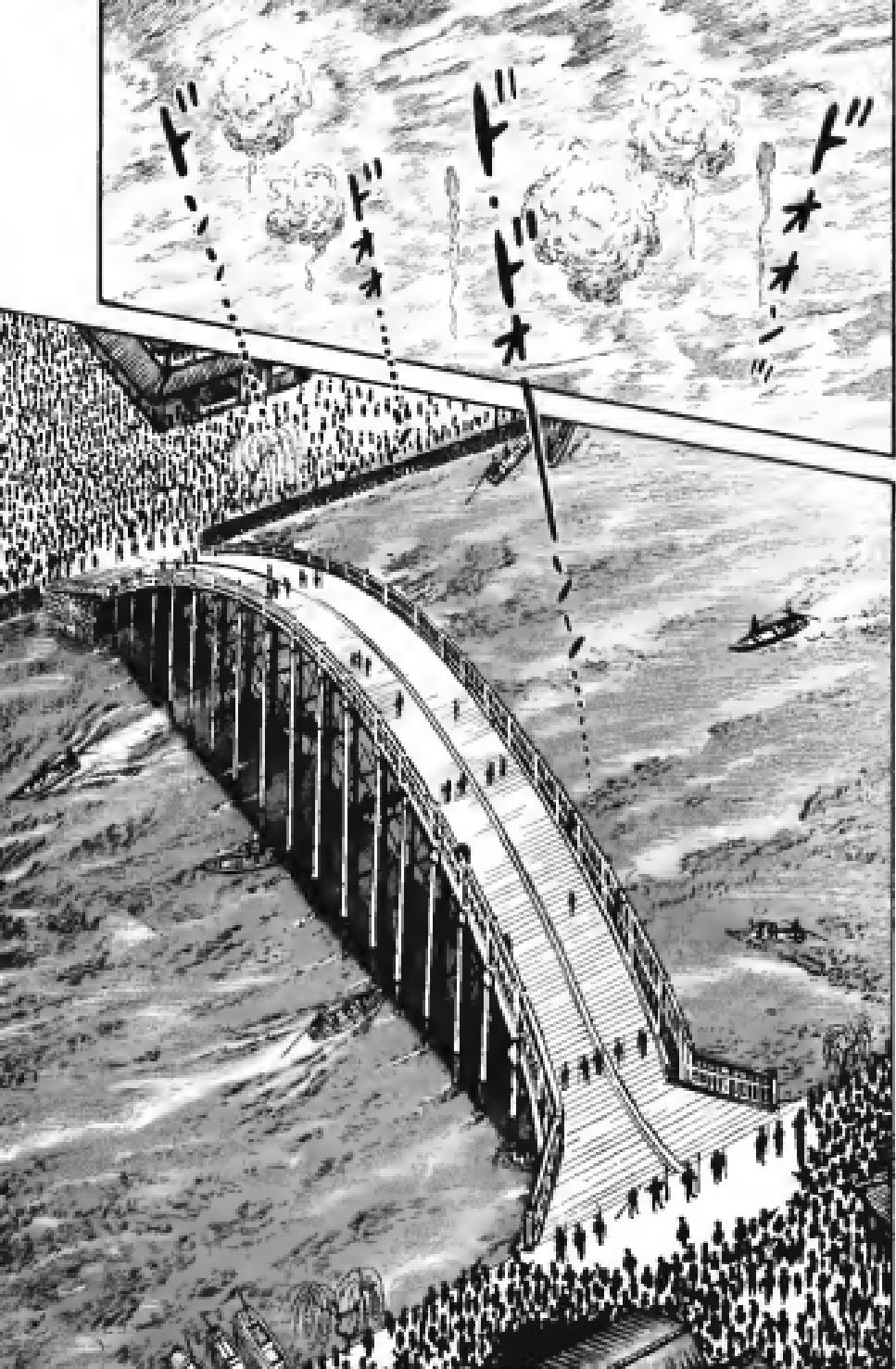








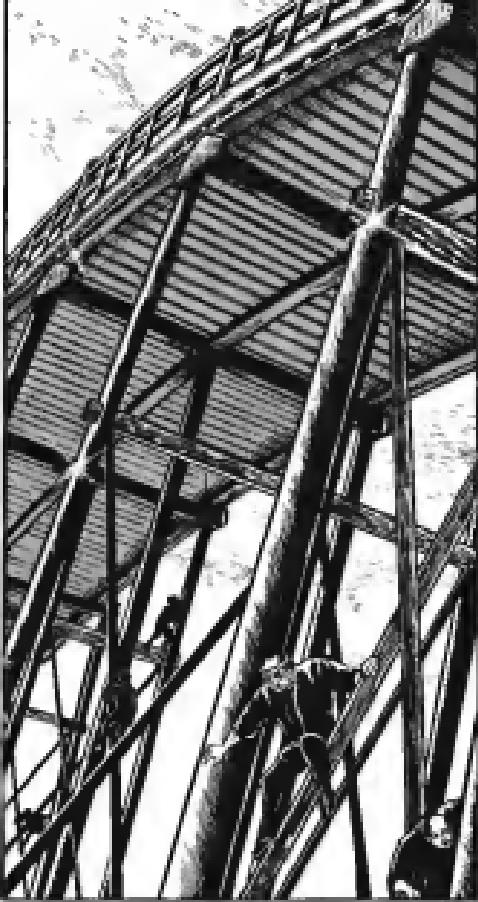


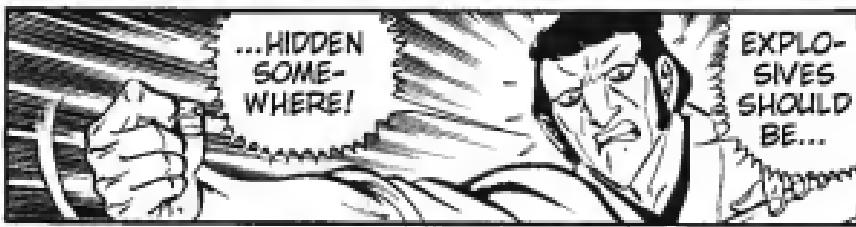






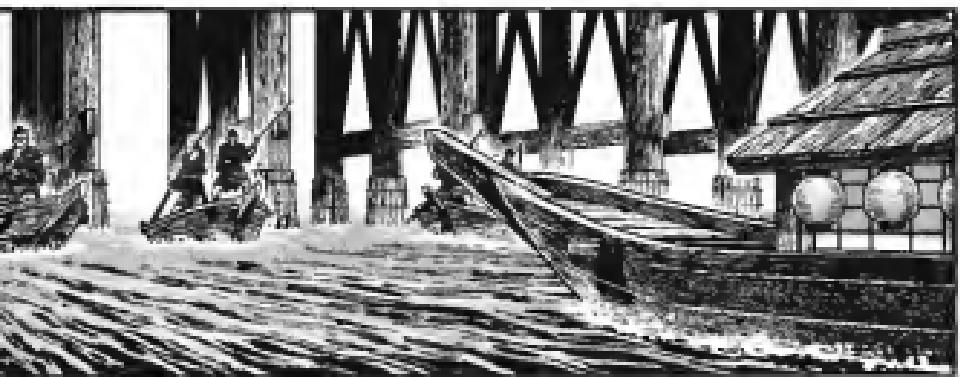
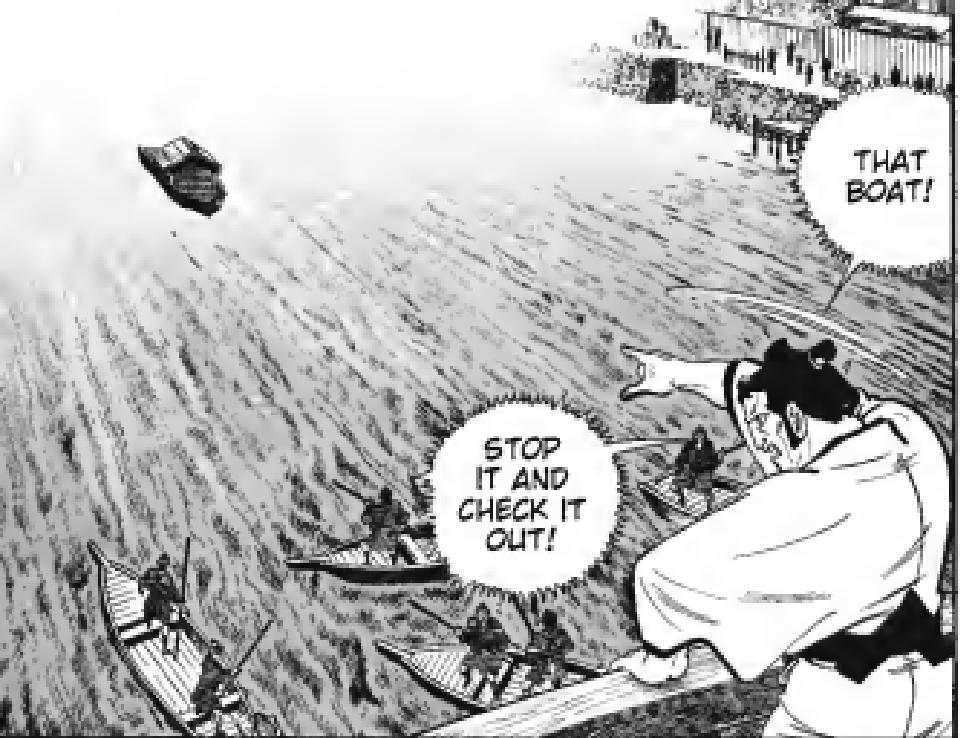


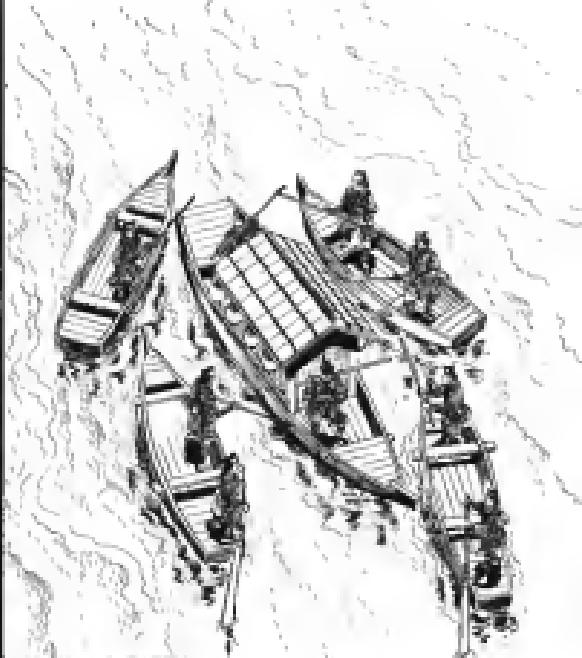




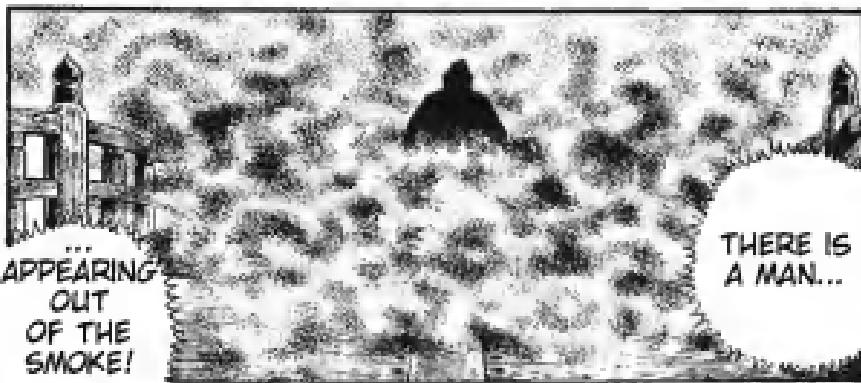


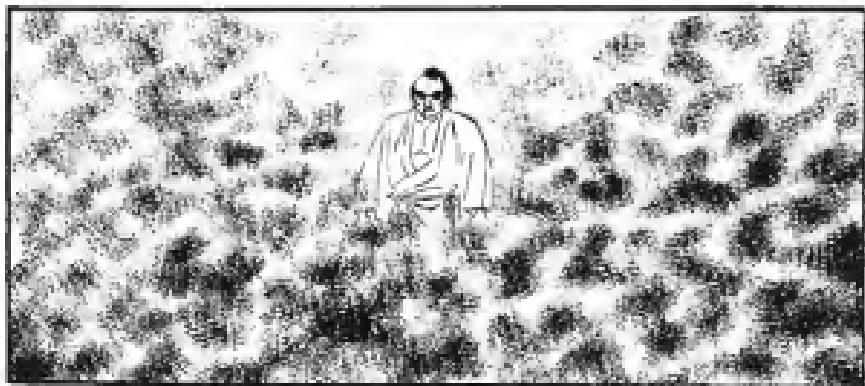














THE BRIDGE
WILL
COLLAPSE...



...SUCH A
USELESS
BRIDGE?

...IF WE
START
WALKING
ON IT?

WHY DID
YOU HAVE
TO BUILD...



YOU CANNOT
SMEAR MY
NAME LIKE
THAT!

THEY CANNOT
STAND EVEN
A MODERATE
FLOOD!

PIERS ARE
TOO THIN!



YOU, THE
CONTRACTOR
AND THE
INSPECTOR
CONSPIRED,
THREE OF
YOU...

SHUT
UP!

YUGAKU
SABURI
DIDN'T DO
THE DESIGN
RIGHT!









EXPLOSIVES HAVE BEEN LOADED ALL RIGHT.

SO, THE BRIDGE HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY CHECKED TO BE CLEAR OF ANY EXPLOSIVES.

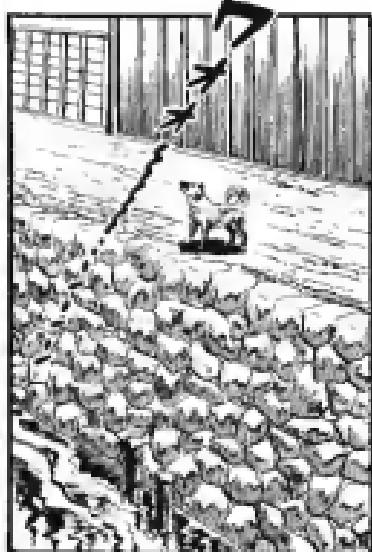
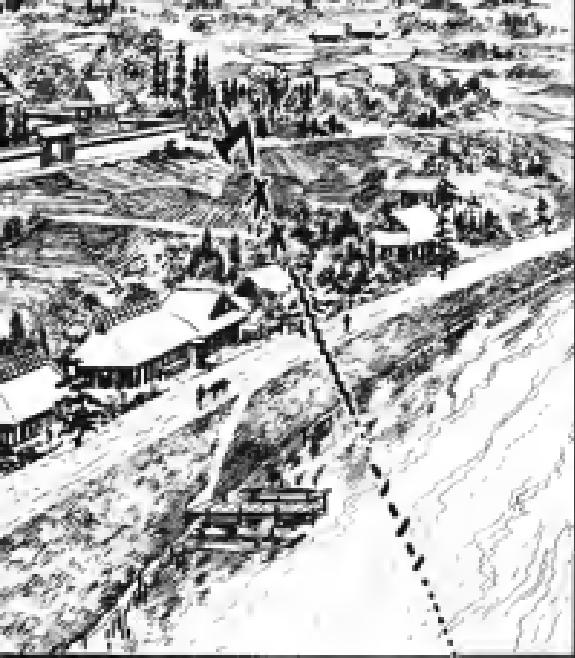
I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO USE EXPLOSIVES.

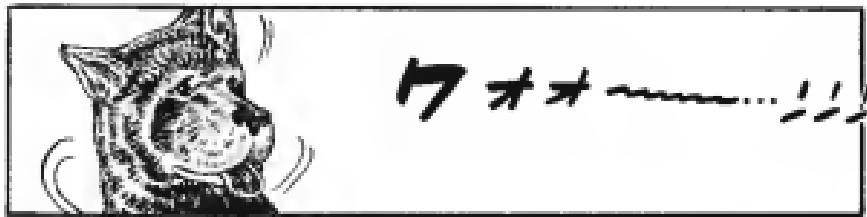
WELL SEE, IN A SHORT WHILE.

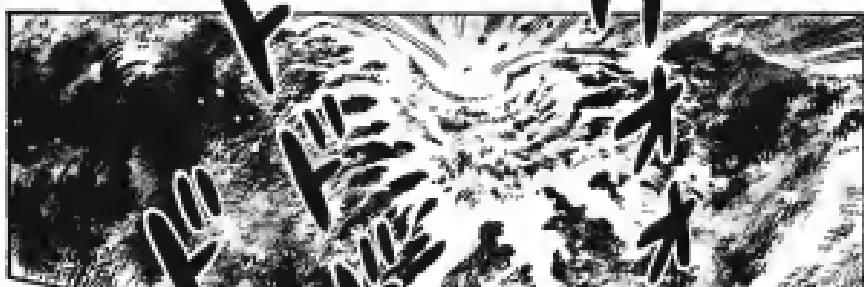
THAT'S YOUR USUAL BALONE-Y!

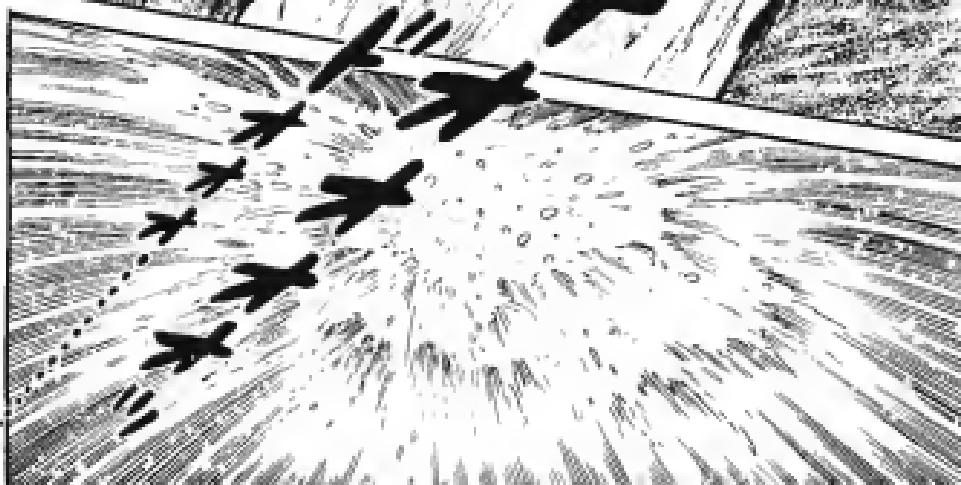
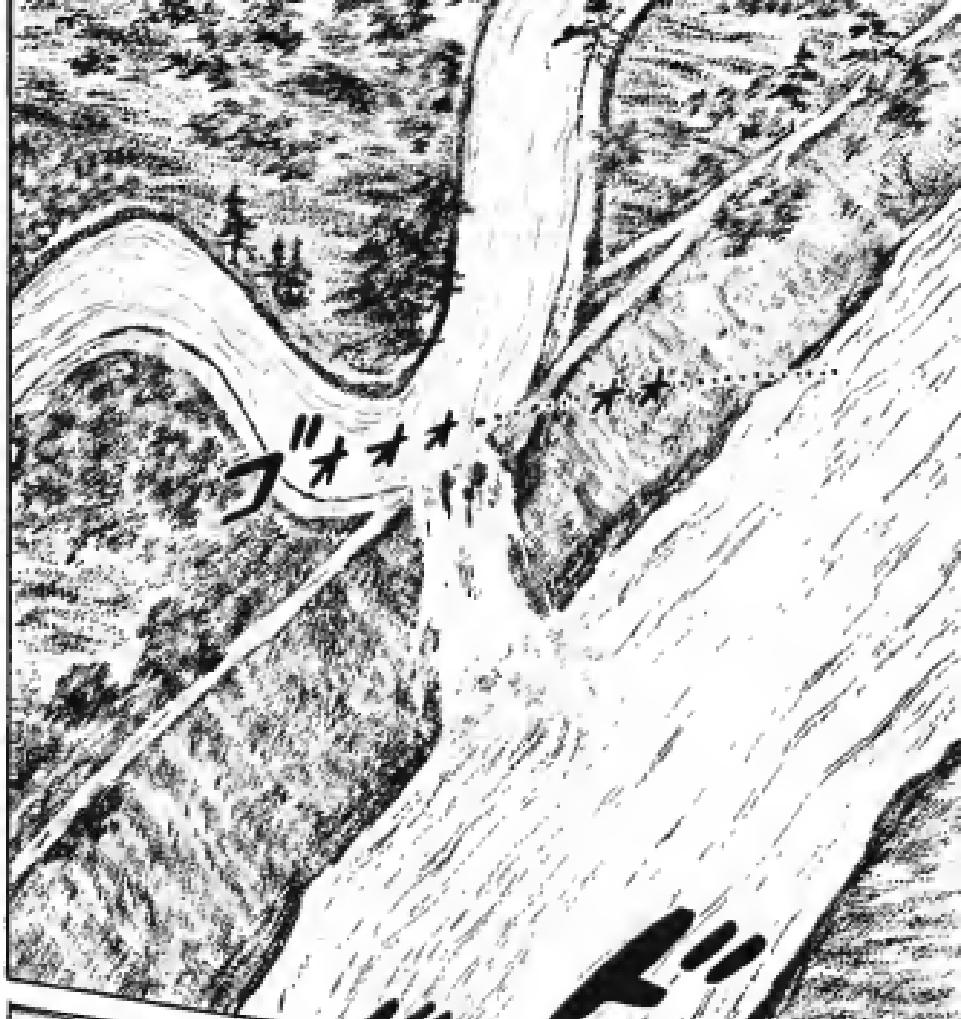
WHAAAT!

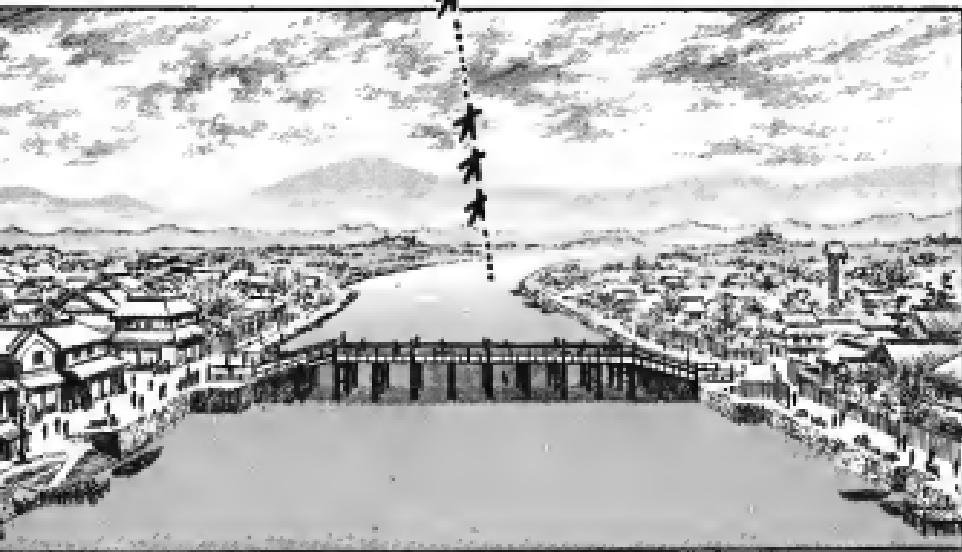


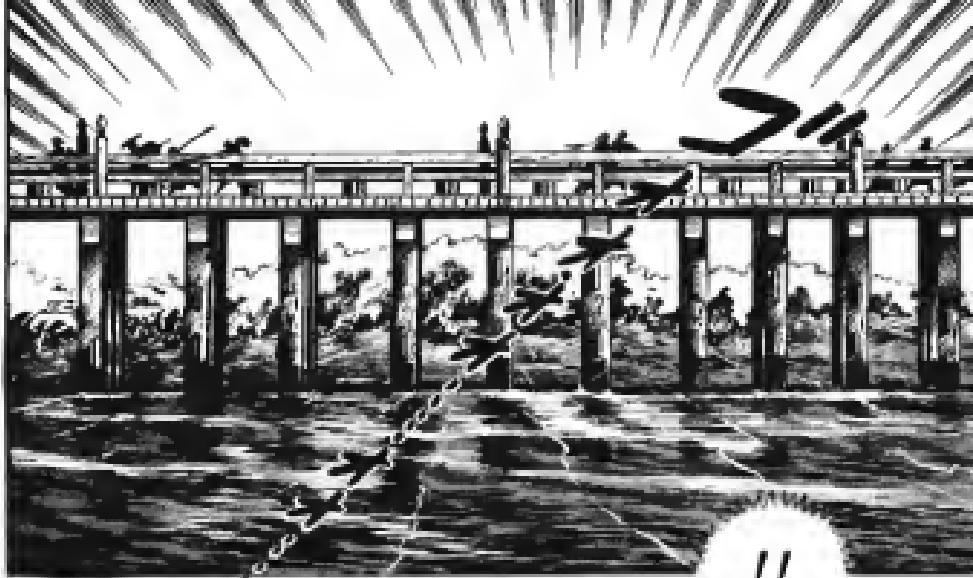








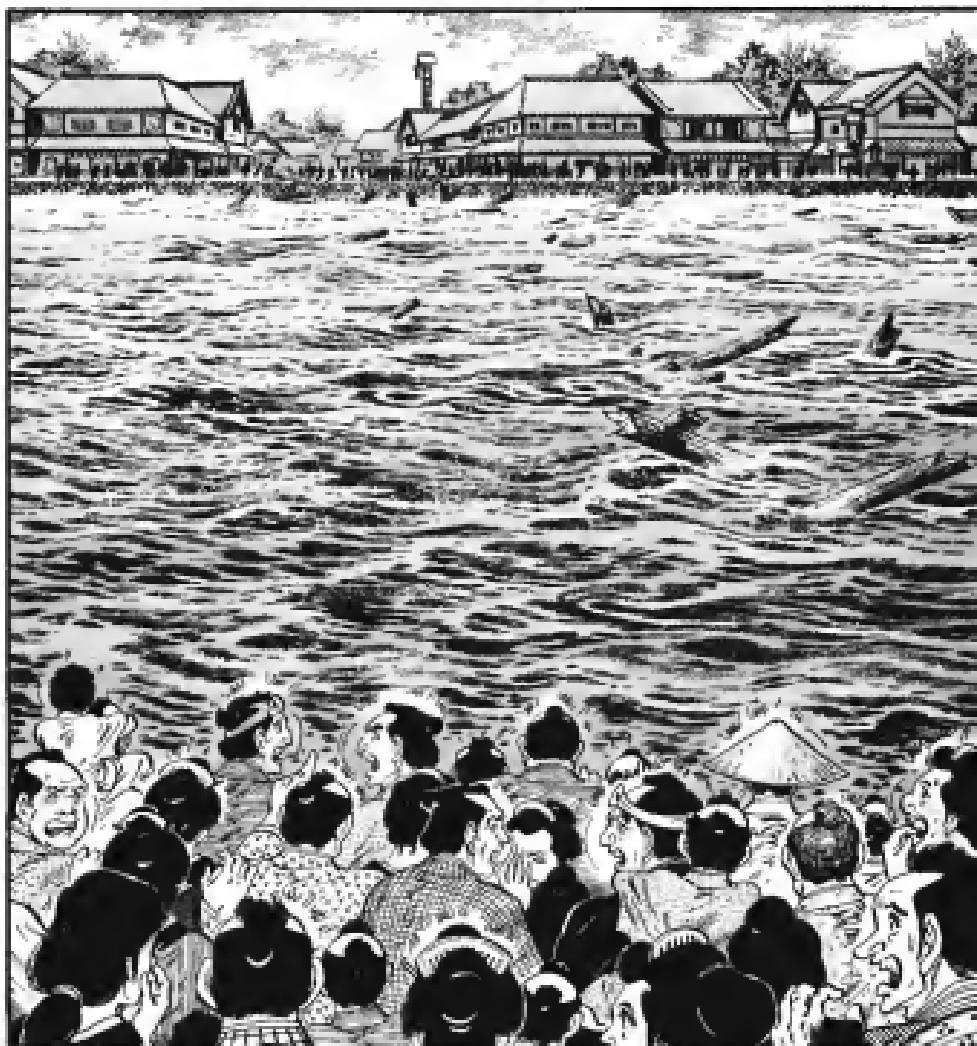
















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